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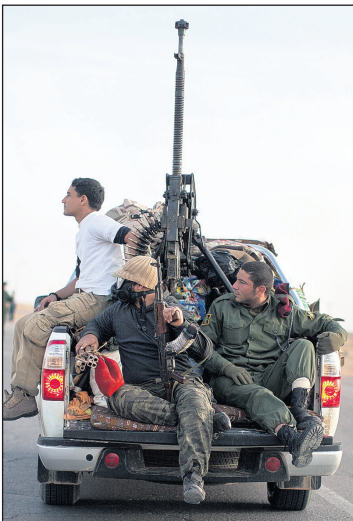
### HEAD GAMES



This Jan. 5, 2011, file photo shows Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby warming up before an NHL hockey game against the Tampa Bay Lightning, in Pittsburgh. Crosby returned to the ice on Monday, March 14, 2011, for the first time since missing 29 games with a concussion.

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### Fighting to the Death



Opposition fighters ride on a truck through Ajdabiya, Libya, on March 14, 2011. Gadhafi cranked up military and psychological pressure against the rebels on two fronts on Monday

(The New York Times)

## Overwhelmed



A man collects clothes from debris around his home in Natori, Japan, on March 14, 2011. The tsunami that barreled into northeast Japan on Friday was so murderous and efficient that not much was left when search-and-rescue teams finally reached Natori on Monday.

(Ko Sasaki/The New York Times)

## 350,000 people left homeless in Japan

MARTIN FACKLER

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**NATORI, Japan** – What the sea so violently ripped away, it has now begun to return. Hundreds of bodies are washing up along some shores in northeastern Japan, making clearer the extraordinary toll of the earthquake and tsunami that struck last week and adding to the burdens of relief workers as they ferry aid and search for survivors.

On Monday, various reports from police officials and news agencies said that as many as 2,000 bodies had washed ashore along the coastline, overwhelming the capacity of local officials to deal with what Prime Minister Naoto Kan described as Japan's worst crisis since World War II. About 350,000 people have reportedly been left homeless and are staying in shelters, anxiously awaiting news of friends

and relatives among the many thousands who remain unaccounted for. The national police said early Tuesday that more than 15,000 were missing, although just 1,898 deaths had been confirmed since the quake, which the U.S. Geological Survey revised to a magnitude of 9.0, from 8.9, on Monday.

With police officials estimating that 10,000 people may have been swept away in one town alone, Minamisanriku, north of here, there was every expectation that the toll would rise.

Here in Natori, where some of the first pictures of the tsunami showed a towering initial wave lashing a line of trees, all that remains along the coast is a field of black mud. Brightly clad searchers bent to their work Monday – the police in navy blue, the handlers of sniffer dogs in orange, the military squads in camouflage.

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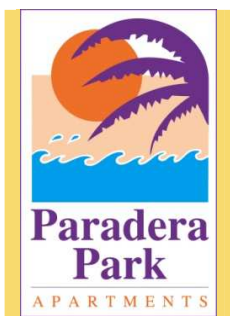
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## JAPAN

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They made their way around marooned boats and collapsed houses, finding toys, torn bedding, tangled fishing nets and pieces of cars, toilets or pottery, all the mundane pieces of daily life, now broken. Occasionally, too, they found a body, sometimes already covered by a tarp.

The region continues to face widespread power and water outages. When relief supplies do come, residents clamor for help. At Natori City Hall, survivors quickly lined up at a truck handing out large containers of water. Lines of nearly a mile formed in front stations providing gasoline.

At City Hall, officials in this town of 70,000 residents have posted a list of the 8,340 people who arrived safely at 41 makeshift shelters. Dozens of people crammed into the building's small lobby to pore over the lists.

Those who could not find the name they sought wrote out messages on pieces of paper and taped them to the entrance. Hundreds of pieces hung there.

Mikako Watanabe, 26, and Yumiko Watanabe, 24, were looking for their mother. They were at work when



**Syunsuke Doi, 22, left, mourns after finding the bodies of his wife and two children at a makeshift morgue built after last week's earthquake and tsunami in Higashimatsushima, Japan, Monday, March 14, 2011. The tsunami that barreled into northeast Japan on Friday was so murderous and efficient that not much was left when search-and-rescue teams finally reached the area.**

the tsunami struck, but their mother was napping at home in the Yuriage neighborhood, as she always did after her night shift as a nurse.

"I hope she woke up with the earthquake and got to safety in time," the older sister said. "We have no way to contact her."

On Monday, three days after the tsunami, they still had no word of her. Their message said, "Yurika Watanabe, we're looking for you. Contact us if you see this."

But communications are badly broken. With cell phone service largely knocked out, many residents are relying on

the small number of surviving pay phones.

Some meetings are by chance. In the crowds, there were squeals of joy at reunions – and crying for relatives not found. One woman wailed over and over, "Her name is not on the list! Her name is not on the list!" She said she was looking for her sister-in-law, who lived in Yuriage. She said that if she is not at an evacuation center, she must be dead.

Rescue teams pressed on with the searches. One used a German shepherd and a small spaniel in Yuriage. The shepherd would climb around the wreckage of homes and twisted hulks of cars, sniffing. If he started barking, the team sent in the spaniel, small enough to prowl around the crevices of the wreckage.

In one case, the spaniel also barked. The team began digging in the debris but found nothing.

"Is there anyone here?" they yelled as they dug. "Is there anyone alive?"

A member of the dog team said that there was now a scant chance of survivors, and the dogs were finding only corpses.

Off in the distance, a small cluster of buildings stood undamaged on the sad expanse of the mud flats. □

## Libya rebels vow to stand, or die

By ANTHONY SHADID

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**AJDABIYA, Libya** – Military forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi advanced Sunday on this anxious town, a strategic linchpin on the doorstep of the opposition capital Benghazi and within grasp of a highway crucial to recapturing the eastern border and encircling the rebellion with heavy armor and artillery.

After another day of headlong retreat, this time from the refinery and port at Brega, one town west of here, the rebels prepared for what some called a last stand at Ajdabiya, taking refuge in military barracks where they stacked ammunition boxes six deep, positioned a handful of tanks and tried to bring order to a jumble of small artillery and antiaircraft guns. Bulldozers built berms 3 feet high near a pair of green, metal arches that mark the town's entrance.

The fate of Ajdabiya, an eastern town of 120,000 near the Mediterranean coast, may prove decisive in the most violent and chaotic of the uprisings that have upended the Arab world. Under a sky turned gray by a menacing sandstorm, the rebels valiantly vowed victory but acknowledged the deficit posed by their weapons and pleaded for a no-flight zone that seemed a metaphor for any kind of international help.

"Our retreat is a tactic," said Said Zway, 29, a civil-engineer-turned-fighter, at Ajdabiya's entrance. "We can wait until they impose a no-flight zone. If they don't, what can we do, my friend? We fight and die. God is with us, God willing."

From its ecstatic beginning, Libya's uprising has taken a darker turn, as Gadhafi's forces have recaptured Zawiyah, near Tripoli, and are now besieging Misurata, a commercial capital and an oasis of rebel control in the west. Officials in Tripoli talk with bluster, and a more sullen mood has settled over Benghazi, where reports of lawlessness grow.

The U.N. Security Council this week may take up an Arab League call for a no-fly zone over Libya, a decision that Gadhafi's government on Sunday deemed an "unexpected departure" from the league's charter. The foreign ministers of major industrial nations are expected to consider the topic at a meeting in Paris on Monday. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is to fly on to Egypt and Tunisia afterward, and is expected to meet with Libyan opposition leaders.

But a front line that shifted eastward by the day and plunging morale here threatened to outpace a decision that still faces opposition from Russia and China and lacks the clear support of the United States and Europe.

The debate abroad overshadowed the stark reality on the ground – planes alone have not defeated the rebels, but rather a relentless onslaught of tanks, artillery, helicopters and ships at sea has sent rebels hurtling back the past several days from a series of oil towns along Libya's virtually indefensible coastal plain.

At the front, pleas for foreign help have grown by the day, from demands for a no-flight zone to growing calls for bombing of Libyan ships at sea, military bases and Bab al-Aziziya, the compound in Tripoli that serves as Gadhafi's headquarters.

"We demand intervention from America, from Britain, from France!" shouted Wanis Kayhani, 42, a fighter waiting in a parked Toyota pickup near the front. "I personally want them to send troops from abroad to stop this dictator. I swear to God almighty!"

"No, no, that won't work!" another fighter shouted.

"Whatever it takes," Kayhani replied. □

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## Obama asks Congress for education bill

WASHINGTON — Urging Congress to send him a new education law by fall, President Barack Obama focused Monday on the big concerns of parents and lawmakers alike: how student progress is measured and how schools that fall short are labeled.

Citing new estimates, Obama said four out of five schools may be tagged as failures this year under provisions of the Bush-era No Child Left Behind law.

“That’s an astonishing number,” he said. “We know that four out of five schools in this country aren’t failing. So what we’re doing to measure success and failure is out of line.”



US President Obama

Obama’s call for a rewrite of the education law appears unlikely, at least by his September deadline. The House education committee’s Republican chairman acknowledged the need for improvement but

called the president’s time line “arbitrary.”

While the law enacted in 2002 under George W. Bush has become an easy political target, Obama acknowledged that it set the “right goals”: educating all children, having a highly qualified teacher in every classroom, and highlighting the achievement gaps between rich and poor, white students and many minorities, and students with and without disabilities. But he said improvements are needed in measuring student progress and labeling schools that fall short. He called for measuring creativity and critical thinking along with math and reading skills, and for rewarding good teachers while showing little leniency for bad ones. □

## Residents near NY nuclear plant confident on safety



New York nuclear plant

By Bernd Debusmann Jr.  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan have raised concerns about nuclear power safety as that country races to stop a meltdown, but some people living near a New York nuclear plant say they have faith in U.S. safety measures. Indian Point is about 40 miles north of Manhattan and critics of the facility have long complained a disaster resulting either from a problem with plant operations or from an attack could threaten the safety of

millions of people. But some New Yorkers said on Monday they were not worried about living close to the Entergy Corp nuclear plant despite the Japanese crisis, already the worst nuclear accident since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. “As someone who lives near Indian Point, I’m not scared because I know how much we rely on the power plant as a source of energy and I know there are an incredible amount of safety measures in place,” said Andrew Bonnesson, 24, a financial analyst from Rye, New York. □

## U.S. millionaires say US\$7 million not enough to be rich

By Helen Kearney  
Associated Press

NEW YORK --A million dollars ain’t what it used to be.

More than four out of ten American millionaires say they do not feel rich. Indeed many would need to have at least \$7.5 million in order to feel they were truly rich, according to a Fidelity Investments survey.

Some 42 percent of the more than 1,000 millionaires surveyed by Fidelity said they did not feel wealthy. Respondents had at least \$1 million in investable assets, excluding any real estate or retirement accounts.

“Every person in the survey is wealthy,” said Sanjiv Mirchandani, president of National Financial, a unit of Fidelity. “But they are still worried about outliving their assets.”

The average age of respondents was 56 years old with a mean of \$3.5 million of investable assets. The threshold for “rich” rose



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with age.

“They compare themselves to their peer group and they are also thinking about the long period they will have in retirement and want more assets” to fund their lifestyle, said Michael Durbin, president of Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services.

Still, millionaires are slightly more optimistic now than they were in 2009, when 46 percent did not feel wealthy. □

U.S. advisers say

## Teens’ menthol cigarette use rises

By Lisa Richwine  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Use of menthol cigarettes is rising among teenagers and “very high” for minority youth, government advisers said in part of a draft report released on Monday.

More than 80 percent of black adolescent smokers and more than half of Hispanic adolescent smokers use menthol cigarettes, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration said in a draft chapter for a report due next week. The FDA will use the report to help decide whether to ban or limit menthol, or mint-flavored, cigarettes.



Menthol flavored cigarettes are displayed

Any curbs would be a severe blow to top menthol maker Lorillard Inc, which sells the Newport brand. Reynolds American Inc’s

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co and Altria Group Inc’s Philip Morris also sell menthol cigarettes. □



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*In Tennessee*

## Teachers have tenure under proposed law



Gov. Bill Haslam

NASHVILLE, Tennessee - A for Tennessee teachers to get proposal to make it tougher tenure heads to the state's

House this week after a companion measure passed in the Senate.

The proposal by Republican Governor Bill Haslam would require teachers to serve five years, instead of three, to achieve tenure. An evaluation procedure could lead to revoking tenure based on poor job performance.

The tenure measure passed the Senate 21-12 last Thursday, with one Democratic vote joining the GOP majority.

It also is expected to clear the Republican-majority House.

A representative for the state's main teacher's union said teachers don't oppose tenure reform, but have concerns the evaluation piece of the legislation has not been finalized and the rules are unclear.

"We feel the teachers need to know the rules under which they're working," said Jerry Winters, director of government relations for the Tennessee Education Association.

"They are not afraid of accountability. It's to nobody's advantage to have bad teachers in the classroom."

Three to five years for tenure is the average in the United States, according to the National Education Association. The Senate Republican majority has argued that extending the tenure period would be a part of a continuing effort to raise the education bar in Tennessee.

Another teacher-related bill that would end teachers' rights to negotiate their working conditions with boards of education through collective bargaining is expected to be voted on by the Tennessee Senate this week. □

## Bus driver in deadly New York crash faces scrutiny



General view of bus crash

By Bernd Debusmann  
Associated Press

NEW ROCHELLE, New York— Investigators of the weekend bus crash that killed 15 people on a New York highway said on Monday they want to know what the driver was doing for the 72 hours leading up to the horrific accident.

Driver Ophadel William has told authorities the crash occurred when a tractor-trailer hit the bus, and that he swerved and toppled into a metal sign pole on Interstate 95. The pole ripped through the bus and tore off most of its roof.

None of the 32 people on board the bus carrying passengers to New York City's Chinatown from the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut escaped death or injury in the crash, which occurred at about 5:30 a.m. on Saturday. Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board plan to interview the bus driver said Christopher Hart, NTSB vice chairman, at a media briefing.

The NTSB also will question witnesses and review any videos made at the casino that may reveal what the driver

was doing 72 hours before the crash, Hart said. The NTSB also wants to know if he had a room at the casino, he said. "We'll want to know what he ate, what he drank, how much he slept, everything we can find out about the activities of the driver in the 72 hours prior," Hart said.

A preliminary report into the cause of the crash is likely in about 30 days, Hart said.

State police said earlier that several witnesses and passengers have told them William was driving fast.

The bus driver was tested for alcohol and illicit drug use, and the NTSB was awaiting the results of those tests, he said.

Investigators also were combing the bus company's records into the driver's training and experience and see what fatigue management programs are in place at the company, he said.

The bus was operated by World Wide Travel of Brooklyn, New York.

An interview also was scheduled with the driver of the tractor-trailer and its owner, Webster Trucking Co., which has offices in Massachusetts and Connecticut, Hart said. □



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## California budget talks: on-again, off-again



Daniel Hunchard

**By Jim Christie**  
Associated Press  
**SACRAMENTO, California** — California's Democratic Governor Jerry Brown and five Republicans he needs to reach a balanced budget deal couldn't even agree on Monday about whether or not they were still negotiating. Republican state Senator Tom Harman said talks had stalled. "Basically the ball is in his court," Harman said. "He knows where we are." State Senate President Pro

Tem Darrell Steinberg, a top Democratic lawmaker, said work on California's budget would continue and Brown spokesman Gil Duran disputed that talks had broken down. "They're going to keep talking," Duran said. Harman said his group had been pressing hard in negotiations for a spending cap, easing regulations and an overhaul of the state's pension system. "He had problems with each of those major areas," Harman said. Brown needs a handful of Re-

publican votes in the Democrat-led state Senate and Assembly to advance the cornerstone of his budget plan. Its key component involves putting a ballot measure to voters in June asking them to extend tax increases that expire this year to raise revenue. That money, along with some \$12 billion in spending cuts and other moves, would help plug California's budget deficit, the biggest of any U.S. state, and help bolster its finances beyond its next fiscal year that starts in July. California's budget gap may near \$27 billion through mid-2012, up from an initial forecast of more than \$25 billion. Most of California's Republican lawmakers oppose tax increases so the five who had been holding talks with Brown are seen as critical to his planned tax measure. If they were to vote to put a tax measure on the ballot, Brown would be able to tell voters it has bipartisan support. □

## NH home invasion suspect says: "I dreamed of killing mom"

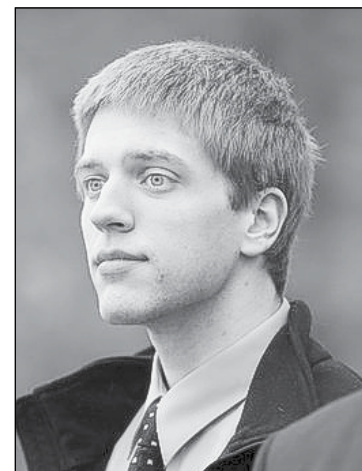
**NASHUA, N.H.** — The murder defendant in a deadly New Hampshire home invasion and machete attack testified Monday he fantasized about torturing and killing his mother from age 14 on because she abused him.

Christopher Gribble, 21, surprised courtroom observers by taking the witness stand on the heels of his mother's testimony. He told jurors he was agitated because his mother, Tamara Gribble, had lied when she denied abusing him. Christopher Gribble has admitted stabbing Kimberly Cates to death and trying to kill her 11-year-old daughter, Jaimie, in their Mont Vernon home in October 2009. He is now trying to convince the jury he is not guilty by reason of insanity.

Two defense experts testified Monday that he had anti-social personality traits but was not insane.

Gribble said he fantasized about taking his mother into the woods and cutting off little pieces of her "bit by bit, listening to her scream." He also said he thought about pouring boiling water "over sensitive parts of her," bending her limbs out of joint and sprinkling her with sugar so the crows would come and pluck at her.

"Hey, if I'm going to kill her,



Christopher Gribble

why not make her pay?" he said with a shrug.

Tamara Gribble testified that she spanked her son with a wooden spoon one time when he was 5 and wet himself. She said she hit him hard enough to break the spoon and was "devastated" afterward by her rage. She kept the broken spoon in her bureau as a reminder of her regret, she testified.

She denied other things her son had told mental health counselors, including that he was forced to vacuum the house at age 6.

She wept when she testified about the spanking and again when prosecutor Jeffery Strelzin asked about the attacks and whether now knows where Gribble was the night of Oct. 3-4, 2009.

"Yes, I do," she sobbed. "I'm sorry." □

## In New York

## Court OKs Nassau County state takeover

**NEW YORK** — A New York court has temporarily put financially ailing Nassau County into the hands of a state overseer, but the judge will decide at a later date whether the county should remain under state control, officials said on Monday. Justice Arthur Diamond lifted the stay sought by Nassau County, to block the state overseer, the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, from imposing financial controls. After years of fiscal mismanagement, the state overseer was created in 2000 to help rescue Nassau County.

Unlike many counties around the nation, Nassau County cannot pin all its problems on the recession because fiscal monitors for years have said it has too many highly paid employees and a broken property tax system that every year must pay homeowners large refunds. The Nassau Interim Finance Authority, in a statement, said the judge's decision means that Republican County Executive Edward Mangano must submit a revised financial plan within five business days. Mangano released a letter inviting Nassau Interim Finance

Authority Chairman Robert Stack to meet with him on March 16 so to collaborate on proposals for the revised budget plan. Brian Nevin, a spokesman for the Tea Party-supported county executive, said the state court still must weigh whether the Nassau Interim Finance Authority acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner when it seized control, saying Nassau's budget was not balanced. "Now he is going to hear the merits on the arbitrary and capricious" claim, Nevin said by telephone. □

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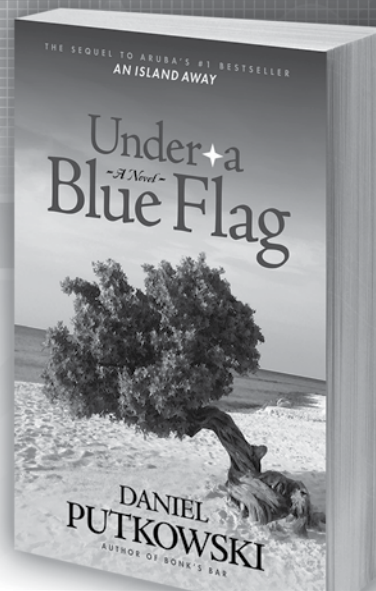
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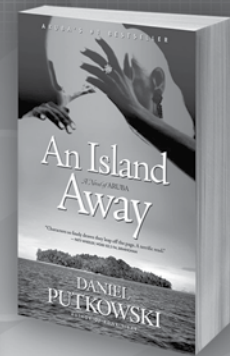
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## U.S. gives approval for '06 Brunello wine



'06 Brunello wine

By Leslie Gevirtz  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** – The U.S. has given approval for the iconic Italian wine Brunello di Montalcino, which had been involved in a quality scandal, to be imported into the country. The U.S. Department of Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), in a statement released last week,

said that since Italy had certified the 2006 vintage it would allow the vintage to be sold in the U.S. U.S. collectors represent roughly 25 percent of the market for the storied Tuscan red, which fetches hundreds of dollars a bottle at auction. "TTB announces that the Government of Italy has certified that the 2006 vintage meets all the requirements

for the denomination," the statement said. Under strict Italian quality rules Brunello di Montalcino must be made exclusively with Sangiovese grapes. But in 2008, Italian government officials found some producers of the 2003 vintage were using other grapes such as Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

U.S. officials blocked some of that vintage. Italian officials impounded more than a half-million cases of the wine and seized 10 vineyards. The so-called Brunellopoli scandal touched some of the region's best known producers. Most of that vintage was stripped of the prestigious title and sold off as Rosso di Montalcino, which costs a third to half as much as its more prestigious cousin. A consortium of Brunello producers turned to technology last year to help restore the wine's image. □

*In Philadelphia*

## Accused in church scandals in court

By Dave Warner  
Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA** – A Catholic monsignor, two priests and others named in the sexual abuse scandal rocking the Archdiocese of Philadelphia appeared in court on Monday, where their defense tried unsuccessfully to have the presiding judge removed from the case. Common Pleas Judge Renee Cardwell Hughes should recuse herself because she oversaw the grand jury that investigated the case and recommended criminal charges be brought, attorney A. Charles Peruto Jr. argued at the preliminary hearing in Philadelphia. The grand jury released a report last month that harshly criticized the church's handling of complaints by alleged victims of pedophile priests. The scandal has rocked the Archdiocese, the sixth largest in the United States with 1.5 million Catholics.

Hughes declined to recuse herself and disputed the defense attorney's claim she could not hear the case after overseeing the grand jury, which released its 124-page findings in early February. "The reason I don't recuse myself is because I am the one who has read every single word," the judge said. As a result of the grand jury's report on what it called "sordid, shocking acts," Monsignor William Lynn, former secretary of the clergy in the Archdiocese, faces charges of child endangerment. □

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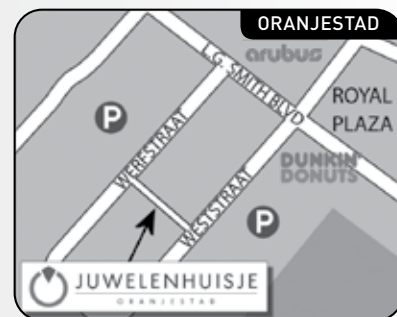
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A donkey carries for eleven to fourteen months and Tootsie took the full fourteen months to carry her Boefie: a wonderful, beautiful donkey boy. During her last month of pregnancy, the volunteers expected her to start labor every day, but she did not. There is a separate enclosure where moms with their newborns are kept and it is a joyful sight to see them all together, frolicking in the sunshine.

Soon Boefie and his mom will be put with the other donkeys; that is always quite a significant moment, because the other donkeys need to accept the two 'newcomers'. The volunteers always watch this process with bated breath.

Tootsie has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way she can be recognized and all her medical information is on it. All the donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers.

The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

The volunteers are now looking for people who wish to adopt Tootsie. She will stay at the sanctuary, of course; the only thing that is needed is that AWG. 30,-- per month is paid for her keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary.

You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website. The sanctuary is open on weekdays from 9 – 4 pm and in the weekends from 10 – 3 pm; visitors are very welcome. The sanctuary is also a great place to drink cup of coffee or a juice or eat an ice cream.

Please call the Donkey Sanctuary at 593 2933 and become 7-Up's new family member; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website [www.arubandonkey.org](http://www.arubandonkey.org). or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025. Please help! □

*It's time for fun! So sign up for the 7th annual*

## Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant golf tournament



**NOORD** - It's time for fun! So polish your clubs to a shine and register for the one-day, invitational Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant Golf Tournament, which is held on April 2nd. Through participating, the golfers of the tournament at the Tierra del Sol Golf Course support a worthy cause. This year, proceeds are going to food aid for the needy, the Fundacion pa nos Comunidad. There are more than 1200 families on Aruba, who need support: they cannot even afford basic needs such as water or electricity.

But back to golf: as is custom-

ary, the golf tournament starts off with a cocktail reception in the stunning private garden of Papiamento Restaurant on April 1, where players meet their teammates and opponents, sponsors and friends. Of course Wente Vineyards wines will be poured: Wente varietals as well as Tamas wines. Fourth-generation Eric Wente and his wife Arel will be present at the reception to personally greet the participant. Eric loves to play and the required 18 holes are in for a treat! The entire organization of the 7th Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant event lies in the

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Participants can look forward to a fantastic tournament on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a bottle of chilled Wente wine waiting in their carts, a super tournament cap and a bagged lunch.

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If you have not registered for the Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant Golf Tournament as yet, do so immediately before it is too late at the Tierra del Sol golf club or via Arion Wine Company (594-3323 – Martrude Rutgers), or at [wentegolf2011@gmail.com](mailto:wentegolf2011@gmail.com). The organization of the golf part of the event is in the hands of Tierra del Sol's golf pro Adam Williamson. □





*This Thursday!*

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of March, every Thursday, the company will feature a special offer for local customers! Additionally, Starbucks is reiterating its commitment to those connections made over 40 years by introducing four new, exciting coffee and food offerings. These items – Cacao Cappuccino, Starbucks Tribute Blend™ whole

bean and ground coffee, Starbucks Petites and Mini Cup Cakes– reinforce Starbucks dedication to hand-crafted and artfully made food and beverage offerings. During our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the company aims to bring to life its vision for the future, connect neighborhoods during the global month of service and thank customers and partners for making Starbucks such a welcoming and popular place. □



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# Raymond Kempen heads up MooMba Beach



**HADICURARI** - MooMba Restaurant has a new manager who is filled with enthusiasm and zeal to bring the beach-front restaurant next to the Holiday Inn Resort to the highest possible level. The 37-year old has just spent the first week at his new job getting to know the ins and outs of the place. We caught up with him when he was

finishing up the group meetings with his employees. This week will be spent getting to know his staffers on a more personal level and after that: the sky is the limit! Raymond hails from Rotterdam, where he has spent the past fourteen years in the restaurant and bar business; the past five years either in a managerial position or own-

ing a place of his own. He was, for instance, the owner of Causerie 't Boerengat' (the nickname for a hamlet) and famous in and outside the world-renowned Dutch seaport. "We had a very extensive tapas menu there and Wednesday nights were hotchpotch nights. These were always sold out," remembers Raymond. After 't Boerengat Raymond managed Dining & Music, where live music often drew a 400-plus audience.

Four years ago, the new MooMba manager met the love of his life, Djamella, also from Rotterdam. She had been to Aruba for an internship and always wanted to return to this island. So, a few months back the big decision was made:



Raymond Kempen from Rotterdam is filled with enthusiasm

their house was rented, the tickets to Aruba bought and voilà: here they are.

Raymond Kempen has big plans for MooMba, but first of all he wants to improve the product, raise the standard and make everyone of his staff walking around with big

smiles on their faces. "What's not to like here," he wonders. "You have a million-dollar view in front of your face, with boats bobbing on the water, a sparkling white, sandy beach and great people on holiday surrounding you. This is the life, enjoy it!" □

## Cafe the Plaza's second series Quiz Nights is starting tonight



**ORANJESTAD** - The second series of Tuesday night Quizzes at Cafe the Plaza is starting tonight. The popular evenings during which teams of participants rack their brains in an effort to come up with the right answers to a wide variety of questions is resumed after a one-week rest because of carnival. But now the questions, posed by quiz master Evert Bongers, are back with a vengeance.

Everyone who wishes to join the fun is welcome: just make a team and play along. Rules for participation are: just show up with a maximum of 5 persons per team, pay 5 florins per person and come on time. The first round starts at 8 pm. Questions range from music and movies and move to politics, geography and history and everything and anything in between. This series consists of 7 quiz nights, with a break of 2 weeks surrounding the Easter weekend. □

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton hugs French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Monday

# Clinton in Paris for talks on Libya crisis

**PARIS** – U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton discussed the widening Libya crisis with French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Monday and planned an unusual meeting with Libyan opposition figures.

The meeting later Monday would be the Obama administration's first high-level contact with foes of Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi, who is pushing back a rebellion inspired by the "Arab spring" of political unrest.

Sarkozy has taken the lead in recognizing an interim council as Libya's legitimate government. The U.S. has yet to decide on such recognition but has severed ties with the Libyan embassy in Washington and boosted its outreach to the opposition while maintaining caution on a no-fly zone the rebels want.

In the meantime, U.S. concerns were growing that the unrest roiling the broader Arab world may not produce the changes demanded by increasingly vocal and emboldened anti-government protesters. Recent violent crackdowns on demonstrators in Yemen and Bahrain have fueled those fears and Clinton will travel from France to post-revolt Egypt and Tunisia to press transitional leaders there to make good on pledges for democratic reform.

Details on Clinton's meeting with the Libyan opposition in Paris remained in flux, underscoring the administration's lack of clarity as to who is who in the movement that has sprung up to topple Gadhafi from the perch he has held for 42 years. The State Department has not announced whom Clinton would see, but the session as expected late Monday.

It comes as rebels step up calls for a no-fly zone to deter Gadhafi loyalists from air strikes that have helped the regime retake key opposition-held areas. □

## Saudi sends troops

# Bahrain Shi'ites call it "war"

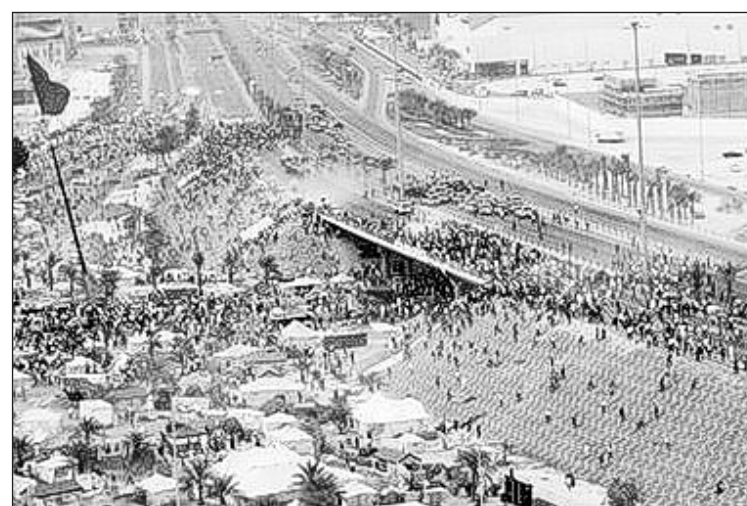
By Lin Noueihed  
Associated Press

**MANAMA** – Saudi Arabia sent troops into Bahrain on Monday to help put down weeks of protests by the Shi'ite Muslim majority, a move opponents of the Sunni ruling family on the island called a declaration of war.

Analysts saw the troop movement into Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet, as a mark of concern in Saudi Arabia that concessions by the country's monarchy could inspire the conservative Sunni kingdom's own Shi'ite minority.

About 1,000 Saudi soldiers entered Bahrain to protect government facilities, a Saudi official source said, a day after mainly Shi'ite protesters overran police and blocked roads.

"They are part of the Gulf Co-



Anti-government protesters confront

operation Council force that would guard the government installations," the source said, referring to the six-member bloc that coordinates military and economic policy in the world's top oil-exporting region.

Bahrain said on Monday it had asked the Gulf troops for support in line with a GCC

defense pact. The United Arab Emirates has said it would also respond to the call.

Witnesses saw some 150 armored troop carriers, ambulances, water tankers and jeeps cross into Bahrain via the 25-km causeway and head toward Riffa, a Sunni area that is home to the royal family and military hospital. □

# Meltdown threat rises at Japanese nuclear plant

By ERIC TALMADGE  
Associated Press

**SOMA, Japan** – Water levels dropped precipitously Monday inside a Japanese nuclear reactor, twice leaving the uranium fuel rods completely exposed and raising the threat of a meltdown, hours after a hydrogen explosion tore through the building housing a different reactor.

Water levels were restored after the first decrease, but the rods remained partially exposed late Monday night, increasing the risk of the spread of radiation and the potential for an eventual meltdown.

The cascading troubles in the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant compounded the immense challenges faced by the Tokyo government, already struggling to send relief to hundreds of thousands of people along the country's quake- and tsunami-

ravaged coast where at least 10,000 people are believed to have died.

Later, a top Japanese official said the fuel rods in all three of the most troubled nuclear reactors appeared to be melting.

Of all these troubles, the drop in water levels at Unit 2 had officials the most worried.

"Units 1 and 3 are at least somewhat stabilized for the time being," said Nuclear and Industrial Agency official Ryohei Shiomi "Unit 2 now requires all our effort and attention."

Workers managed to raise water levels after the second drop Monday night, but they began falling for a third time, according to nuclear agency official Naoki Kumagai. They are now considering spraying water directly on container to cool it. The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said the Japanese government has asked the agency to send experts to help. □



# Bicycles sell out as stranded commuters turn to pedal power



Woman pushes bicycle as she walks

## Is Obama embracing torture?

**NEW YORK**— A State Department spokesman is out of a job after publicly criticizing the military's treatment of alleged WikiLeaker Bradley Manning. Obama maintains that Manning's treatment is "appropriate"

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley resigned under pressure on Sunday, a few days after telling a small audience at MIT that the Obama administration's treatment of alleged WikiLeaks secret-spiller Pfc. Bradley Manning has been "ridiculous and counterproductive and stupid." Asked about the criticism, Obama said the Pentagon had assured him that the conditions of Manning's detention including, reportedly, some enforced nudity and 23 hours a day of solitary time are "appropriate and are meeting our basic standards." Is the president defending prisoner abuse? Yes, Obama "lied" about ending torture: It's bad enough that Obama fired an "American hero" like Crowley for telling the truth about the "bizarre and immoral treatment" of Manning, says Will Bunch at the Philadelphia Daily News. But the "biggest outrage" is that "Obama's Pentagon is torturing Bradley Manning" at all. "This isn't 'George W. Bush's fault or Dick Cheney's fault,'" but the fault of the guy who vowed to stop torture. That's "taking presidential hypocrisy to new levels."

No, Crowley just had to go: You can't have the State Department chastising the Defense Department over its detention practices, says Ed



Bradley Manning

Morrissey at Hot Air. So "the White House acted appropriately in kicking Crowley out at State, and should be commended for taking quick action." Besides, Manning's being stripped naked is "objectively" not punitive; it's precautionary, given remarks he'd made about killing himself with his underwear's elastic waistband. His "'joking' about suicide while in a brig is akin to joking about having a bomb" in the airport. This says more about Hillary Clinton than Obama: Crowley acknowledges that he effectively "ousted himself" by speaking out against Manning's mistreatment, says Ben Smith at Politico. But he's "been rumored to be on the way out since the day he started." He didn't much want the job, and he clashed with Clinton's inner circle, of which he was never really a member. Crowley's departure is about "the odd internal politics of the Clinton State Department" not the president's stance on torture. □

By **H. BRENHOUSE**  
**Associated Press**

The hurried city slowed to a mechanical standstill Friday. Most workers curled up in their cubicles to wait out the post-earthquake public transport freeze.

Those who didn't likely took the long way home on a new set of wheels.

Tokyo dwellers scrambled to buy bicycles at inflated prices in the wake of the calamitous quake, some preferring to stand in snaking queues rather than face the prospect of walking. Tokyoites are well known for commuting extraordinary distances to reach their places of work; for most, strolling home once metropolitan subways were stopped was not an option.

The supermarket chain Aeon

Co.'s Shinagawa Seaside branch, which lies on Tokyo Bay and sells more cycles than any other Japanese store, told the Japan Times that 89 bicycles were snatched up in three hours Friday.

Typically, the shop vends 200 per week. By 8pm that evening, the market was bare of vehicles and already turning would-be commuters away.

"Normally bicycle are lined up in front of our store, but it was the customers who made lines yesterday," shop employee Izumi Tsuchiya said. Some of the customers he served lived in neighboring prefectures up to 15 hours away by foot.

Among the shops that benefited from the rush, Olympic Corp.'s Aoyama branch did \$457,000 worth of business in

bikes.

Other sports stores were kind enough to rent wheels to the stranded if they didn't live too far out of the way.

And the bicycle boom is far from over:

Tokyo's residents are being forced to turn to pedal power again today as the city experiences scheduled, rolling blackouts.

The Japanese capital's biggest subway operator, Tokyo Metro Co., has not resumed all of its commuter lines. Many offices have shut their doors for the day and many of those that haven't are welcoming employees to stay home. But the city's streets have nonetheless been filled with diligent denizens heading to far-off workplaces on shiny two-wheelers. □

## Japan's earthquake:

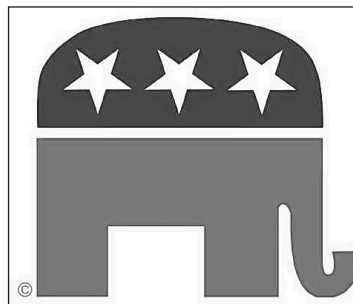
## A case for more U.S. government spending?

New York — The House GOP budget would defund the tsunami warning center that alerted West Coasters to danger last week. Is it time to reconsider the spending cuts?

The West Coast tsunami warnings that followed Japan's massive earthquake on Friday ignited a debate on what had been a little-discussed element of Congress' spending plan.

The House Republican budget cuts would hit hard at the National Weather Service's Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, which sounded the alarm. The GOP budget also aims to cut humanitarian and foreign aid. Is this an area where we're spending too much, or is the devastation in Japan a reminder that disaster preparedness is costly, but worth it?

Spending on disaster preparedness saves lives: The budget-cutters seem to think that "all government agencies are wasteful or can be easily privatized," says Brian Smith at Earth Justice. But it's easy for those of us "living at sea-level on the Pacific Rim" to understand now that there are some "essential services" that should not be put on the chopping block. Be "grateful for advance warning systems."



There's wisdom in paying for them.

"House budget cuts would impact Pacific Tsunami Warning Center"

More government meddling doesn't help: The "key to faster recovery" and greater preparedness is "wealth and the ability to adapt," says Ed Morrissey at Hot Air. It is the "adaptation and innovation" fostered by Japan's open economic system that saved so many lives. In contrast, countries with "centrally controlled economies" can't match Japan's ability to

respond to a crisis. More government spending and control isn't always the answer.

"Death toll in Japan from quake, tsunami likely over 10,000"

But there are some things only government can do: Budget slashing sounds good when all is calm, says David Dayen at Firedoglake, but horrible natural disasters always demonstrate "the importance of a national government prepared to respond. The earthquake and tsunami in Japan is no different." Saving \$126 million at the National Weather Service over the next six months sounds good, except when you realize that we're gutting the budgets of the people "actually preparing for contingencies to protect" us when disaster strikes.

"House GOP budget cuts tsunami monitoring funding" □

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## China wants 'one-child' compensation over NZ quake

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** — A Chinese official said Monday that New Zealand should consider special compensation to parents of Chinese students killed in an earthquake last month because their loss was magnified under the country's one-child policy. Seven students from China have been identified among the 166 confirmed deaths in the quake that devastated Christchurch city on Feb. 22, and as many as 20 others are still missing.

Chinese Embassy official Cheng Lei said Monday that Chinese quake victims had lost not just their only child, but also a future breadwinner. He said New Zealand should consider providing additional financial assistance to those families.

"You can expect how lonely, how desperate they are not only from losing loved ones, but losing almost entirely the major source of economic assistance after retirement," Cheng told Radio New Zealand.



Evacuees, who fled from quake

land. Such compensation would be consolation for the families of the victims "but also a demon-

stration of the importance the New Zealand government attaches to the Chinese international" students, he said.

Prime Minister John Key said New Zealand had the greatest sympathy for the Chinese families and that they were eligible for compensation under an existing government accident insurance fund.

"The government's made it clear it will help in terms of repatriation of bodies and helping families so, outside of that, at this stage we don't have any intention to make any other changes," Key told reporters.

Key also confirmed on Monday that a planned government inquiry into the disaster would be a royal commission, a sub-judicial format that is the highest-level investigation New Zealand's parliamentary and justice system allows.

While the inquiry will be broad-ranging, Key said it would focus on the collapse of the Canterbury Television and Pyne Gould Guinness Corp. buildings in downtown Christchurch where many people died.

"We understand the need to provide answers about why such loss of life occurred in these buildings.

The government is determined to get those," Key told a news conference.

The inquiry would thoroughly examine building codes and construction methods, and whether they were followed. The inquiry will make a preliminary report within six months and deliver its final report within a year. □

## Tide of bodies overwhelms quake-hit Japan

By **JAY ALABASTER**  
**TODD PITMAN**

Associated Press

**TAGAJO, Japan** — A tide of bodies washed up along Japan's coastline Monday, overwhelming crematoriums, exhausting supplies of body bags and adding to the spiraling humanitarian, economic and nuclear crisis after the massive earthquake and tsunami.

Millions of people faced a fourth night without water, food or heating in near-freezing temperatures along the northeast coast devastated by Friday's disasters. Meanwhile, a third reactor at a nuclear power plant lost its cooling capacity and its fuel rods were fully exposed, raising fears of a meltdown.

The stock market plunged over the likelihood of huge losses by Japanese industries including big names such as Toyota and Honda.

On the coastline of Miyagi prefecture, which took the full

force of the tsunami, a Japanese police official said 1,000 bodies were found scattered across the coastline.

Kyodo, the Japanese news agency, reported that 2,000 bodies washed up on two shorelines in Miyagi.

In one town in a neighboring prefecture, the crematorium was unable to handle the large number of bodies being brought in for funerals.

"We have already begun cremations, but we can only handle 18 bodies a day. We are overwhelmed and are asking other cities to help us deal with bodies.

We only have one crematorium in town," Katsuhiko Abe, an official in Soma, told The Associated Press.

While the official death toll rose to nearly 1,900, the discovery of the washed-up bodies and other reports of deaths suggest the true number is much higher. In Miyagi, the police chief has said 10,000 people are estimated to have



Fire fighter takes rest

died in his province alone. The outspoken governor of Tokyo, Shintaro Ishihara, told reporters Monday that the disaster was "punishment from heaven" because Japanese have become greedy.

Across Japan, most people opt to cremate their dead. With so many bodies, the government on Monday waived a rule requiring permission first from

local authorities before cremation or burial to speed up funerals, said Health Ministry official Yukio Okuda.

"The current situation is so extraordinary, and it is very likely that crematoriums are running beyond capacity," said Okuda. "This is an emergency measure. We want to help quake-hit people as much as we can." □



From demolition

# 'Oliver Twist' workhouse saved



People walk by dilapidated brick building

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON** – The British government announced Monday it has given protected status to a former workhouse thought to have inspired Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist," a move that should save the building from demolition.

Heritage minister John Penrose said the austere Georgian edifice was "an eloquent reminder of one of the grimmer aspects of London's 18th-century social history." He said the building had been given Grade II listed status, meaning it can't be demolished and any redevelopment must take account of its "special architectural and historic interest." The run-down building in central London had been

slated to be replaced by a new housing development, but local residents and academics fought a campaign to save it. The young Dickens lived nine doors away and scholars say the sights and sounds of the building were probably the basis for the workhouse where orphan Oliver is incarcerated in his 1838 novel, and where he is punished after saying, "Please, sir, I want some more." The book helped mobilize public opinion in Britain against harsh workhouse conditions. Advisory group English Heritage said the building also was significant for its links to Victorian social reformer Joseph Rogers, the workhouse's medical officer. He was so alarmed by conditions at the workhouse where

hundreds of destitute people worked at menial jobs in return for basic shelter and a diet of gruel that he began a campaign for better care for London's poor which helped lay the foundations for Britain's modern health care system. Nick Black, a medical historian who campaigned to save the building, said the government's decision was "fantastic news." He said that if the building were demolished, "London would have lost the last well-preserved workhouse infirmary from the 18th century." "And combined with the house nine doors away where Dickens lived it would have lost what is potentially a valuable heritage site which the city should be looking to exploit for tourist income." Opponents have 28 days to ask for a review of the decision, but successful challenges are rare. In 2007, the previous government rejected a bid to give the building protected status despite the backing of English Heritage. Developers planned to tear it down for redevelopment, but plans stalled after the 2008 credit crunch, and Britain's new Conservative-led government agreed to take a second look after it was elected last May. □

# France to push for swift G8 agreement on Libya



Libyan rebels sit at checkpoint outside city

By John Irish  
Associated Press

**PARIS** – France will push G8 foreign ministers meeting in Paris to agree action on Libya, and back its efforts to speed up a U.N. Security Council decision on imposing a no-fly zone in Libya sought by anti-Gaddafi rebels.

France, the current Group of Eight president, declined to comment on an Al Jazeera report that the United States, Britain and France had already promised rebels in eastern Libya to set up a no-fly zone to help them fight government forces.

But the foreign ministry said Libya would be a priority during talks between U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the foreign ministers of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia. Muammar Gaddafi's troops are using tanks and planes to crush ragtag rebel forces fighting to end 41 years of authoritarian rule, and security analysts fear the Libyan leader could retake control before world powers agree on a course of action.

France and Britain have led calls to impose a no-fly zone and a French diplomatic source said on Monday that Paris was pushing the issue with foreign ministers arriving for the G8 talks. The meeting formally begins with a dinner on Monday and ends with a news conference in the afternoon. Both Clinton and Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon were to meet Libyan opposition figures this week, either in Paris or in north Africa.

With violence worsening, "no option can be ruled out," foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero told an electronic press briefing as Gaddafi's troops battled rebel fighters for control of the oil town of Brega.

"The conclusions from the March 11 European summit and the Arab League's March 12 resolution clearly demonstrate the international community's firm commitment to protecting Libyan civilians," Valero said.

"This issue will be discussed as a priority at the foreign minister's meeting with his G8 counterparts with the aim of reaching an agreement that will enable the Security Council, which has received an official request from the Arab League, to move forward as fast as possible."

Cannon said Canada wanted more details of how a no-fly zone would be implemented before it backed such an option. "It is important to be able to measure the effectiveness of the options being put forward," Cannon told reporters, adding that Canada would propose the G8 imposes stronger sanctions on Libya than have been agreed so far by the United Nations.

The United Nations Security Council was expected to hold consultations later on Monday on the Arab League's weekend call for a U.N. no-fly zone.

NATO has set three conditions for the policing of Libyan air space: regional support for the motion, proof outside help is needed and a U.N. Security Council resolution. □

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# Japan grapples with nuclear crisis



Woman cries after learning about tragedy

By Taiga Uranaka  
Associated Press

**FUKUSHIMA, Japan** — Japan scrambled to avert a meltdown at a stricken nuclear plant on Monday after a hydrogen explosion at one reactor and exposure of fuel rods at another, just days after a devastating earthquake and tsunami that killed at least 10,000 people.

Roads and rail, power and ports have been crippled across much of Japan's northeast and estimates of the cost of the multiple disasters have leapt to as much as \$170 billion. Analysts said the economy could even tip back into

recession.

Japanese stocks closed down more than 7.5 percent, wiping \$287 billion off market capitalization in the biggest fall since the height of the global financial crisis in 2008.

Rescue workers combed the tsunami-battered region north of Tokyo for survivors and struggled to care for millions of people without power and water in what Prime Minister Naoto Kan has dubbed his country's worst crisis since World War Two.

Officials say at least 10,000 people were likely killed in the 8.9-magnitude earthquake and tsunami that followed it.

Kyodo news agency reported that 2,000 bodies had been found on Monday in two coastal towns alone.

"It's a scene from hell, absolutely nightmarish," said Patrick Fuller of the International Red Cross Federation from the northeastern coastal town of Otsuchi.

"The situation here is just beyond belief, almost everything has been flattened. The government is saying that 9,500 people, more than half of the population could have died and I do fear the worst."

The big fear at the Fukushima nuclear complex, 240 km north of Tokyo, is of a major radiation leak.

The complex has already seen explosions at two of its reactors on Saturday and on Monday, which sent a huge plume of smoke billowing above the plant.

Yukiya Amano, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the reactor vessels of nuclear power plants affected by the disaster remained intact, and so far, the amount of radiation that had been released was limited. □

French press for no-fly zone

# Libya jets bomb rebels



Supporter of Libya's leader Muammar Gaddafi

By Mohammed Abbas  
Associated Press

**AJDABIYAH, Libya** — Muammar Gaddafi's jets bombed Libyan rebels on Monday, aiding a counter-offensive that has pushed insurgents 100 miles eastwards in a week, as France pressed for a no-fly zone "as fast as possible."

Gaddafi's government, at first reeling from widespread popular uprisings last month, is now confident of success. "We are certain of our victory, whatever the price," state TV said.

Government troops took Brega on Sunday, but the rebels said they had moved back into the important eastern oil terminal town during the night and surrounded Gaddafi's forces.

"Some of them have been killed and some have been captured. But they are still in Brega. It is still dangerous and there is still fighting but today we will squeeze them hard," said Idriss Kadiki, a rebel fighter.

Libyan planes bombed Ajdabiyah, behind rebel lines, the only sizeable town between Brega and the rebel stronghold of Benghazi. From Ajdabiyah there are roads to Benghazi and to Tobruk, which could allow Gaddafi's troops to encircle Benghazi.

There is now a very real possibility that by the time world powers agree on a response to the conflict in Libya, Gaddafi's forces may already have won, analysts said.

France is pushing G8 foreign ministers meeting in Paris to agree action on Libya, and back its efforts to speed up a U.N. Security Council decision on imposing a no-fly

zone.

France hopes an Arab League request to the council to impose a no-fly zone would persuade reluctant members to support it.

"Now that there is this Arab League statement, we do hope that it's a game changer for the other members of the council," French U.N. Ambassador Gerard Araud said. Arab League backing satisfies one of three conditions set by NATO for it to police Libyan air space, that of regional support. The other two are proof its help is needed, and a Security Council resolution.

News of humanitarian suffering or atrocities could persuade more powers that help is needed and also spur Security Council action. But while Human Rights Watch has reported a wave of arbitrary arrests and disappearances in Tripoli, hard evidence is so far largely lacking.

"Everyone here is puzzled as to how many casualties the international community judges to be enough for them to help. Maybe we should start committing suicide to reach the required number," said rebel spokesman Essam Gheriani in Benghazi.

"It is shameful," he said. "We are hoping today for some development such as a resolution" at the Security Council. In New York, the Security Council began discussing a no-fly zone on Monday, though not yet a draft resolution.

If the Security Council does endorse a no-fly zone, enforcing it will fall largely to the United States, which has yet to decide whether to back the measure. □

After murders

# Israeli settlers want more building

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

**ITAMAR, West Bank** — Shocked members of this hard-line Jewish settlement, reeling from a devastating knife attack that killed five members of a family in their sleep, on Monday said the bloodshed only strengthens their resolve to stay put and urged the government to respond with a new wave of West Bank construction.

Friday night's attack has drawn new attention to Itamar, an isolated settlement deep inside the West Bank that has poor relations with its Arab neighbors. A young couple and three of their children, including a 4-year-old boy and his 3-month-old sister, were killed in the grisly attack.

As Israeli forces continued their search for the killers in neighboring Palestinian vil-



ZAKA rescue and recovery worker

lages, Itamar residents said they would stand firm. Settlers often refer to themselves as the first line of defense against Arab aggression and say Arab terrorism is trying to drive Jews out of land promised to them in the Bible.

"This is our land and it will always be the Jewish homeland," said Moshe Goldschmidt, the New York-born head of the town council.

"The future of Israel lies with its biblical assets. Itamar is the backbone. No one will break our spirit."

A sign at the entrance to the settlement, referring to past attacks, reads: "26 years, 22 dead the youth of Itamar will not break."

The issue of Jewish settlements is at the heart of the current impasse in Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts. □



# THE IKE PHASE



BY DAVID BROOKS

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On Jan. 20, 1961, John Kennedy delivered his rousing Inaugural Address. But this speech was preceded, as William Galston of the Brookings Institution has reminded us, by an equally important speech: Dwight Eisenhower's farewell address.

Kennedy's speech was an idealistic call to action. Eisenhower's speech was a calm warning against hubris. Kennedy celebrated courage; Eisenhower celebrated prudence. Kennedy asked the country to venture forth. Eisenhower asked the country to maintain its basic sense of balance.

While Kennedy gloried in the current moment, Eisenhower warned the country to "avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow." We cannot, he said, "mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage."

Furthermore, Ike warned, the country should never believe that "some spectacular and costly action could become the miraculous solution to all current difficulties." He reminded the country that government is about finding the right balance — between public and private, civic duties and individual freedom, small communities and big industrial complexes.

I suspect that most of us can, in different moods, sympathize with both the Kennedy and the Eisenhower speeches, with both the rousing idealis-

tic call and the prudent words of caution.

The Obama administration has tried to emulate both impulses. During the first two years, it hewed to Kennedy's seize-the-moment style. Now it seems to be copying the Eisenhower mood.

The campaign of 2008 was marked by soaring calls for transformation. Now the administration spends much of its time reacting to events and counseling restraint.

The Arab masses have seized control of the international agenda with their marches and bravery. The Republicans on Capitol Hill and in Madison, Wis., have seized control of the domestic agenda with calls for spending cuts.

The Obama administration has reacted to both of these movements by striking a prudent, middling course. Internationally, the administration has sought a subtle (overly subtle) balance between democracy and stability. Domestically, the president offered a budget so tepid that it effectively ceded center stage. He called for a few cuts but asked people not to get carried away.

On Friday, President Barack Obama gave a news conference that perfectly captured his current phase. He acknowledged rising gas prices but had no new energy policy to announce. On Libya, he emphasized the need to deliberate carefully our steps ahead but had no road map to propose. On the federal budget fight, he spoke passionately about the need to reach a compromise. But when given the chance to talk about what it might look like, he rose above the fray and vaguely counseled balance and moderation. It is easy to see why the president should be striking this pose now.

Prudence is always a nice trait in a leader, especially in the face of a thorny problem like Libya. At a time when the nation is anxious, Obama is coming across as a cautious and safe pair of hands. The man is clearly not going to do anything rash. □

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## Confessions of a recovering Op-Ed columnist



By FRANK RICH

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The first political columnist I ever encountered, after a fashion, was Walter Lippmann. It happened on a snowy afternoon when I was a kid of 11 or 12 growing up in Washington during the JFK years. My wallet had somehow slipped out of my pocket as I trudged past the National Cathedral on my way home from school. Hours later, my mother barged into my bedroom, interrupting my full-scale sulk to announce a miracle. "I just got a call from Walter Lippmann's maid," she said, sounding more excited than the circumstances warranted. "They found your wallet on Woodley Road in front of Walter Lippmann's house!" My starry-eyed mom then explained to me who this giant was. Fairly soon I would discover some of his colleagues' bylines in the

newspapers I was starting to devour: Arthur Krock, Joseph Alsop, Joseph Kraft, James J. Kilpatrick, Evans and Novak, Drew Pearson. Eventually I'd figure out that my stepfather, a K Street lawyer before they were called "K Street lawyers," fed scabrous off-the-record tidbits about his dealings on the Hill to Pearson's column in exchange for favors I now dread to imagine. By the time I reached high school, Vietnam was heating up. I began tracking the columnists' pronouncements with some ardor. This was, of course, in the day when everyone read the papers, when pundits had yet to start bloviating on television, and when it was widely believed, especially in Washington, that the wise men of the press held enormous sway over national events, from the making of presidents to the waging of wars both hot and cold. I can't say I aspired to be a columnist, however. My first love was the theater, and the first opinion writers I read religiously were the drama critics Walter Kerr and Kenneth Tynan. The political guys (almost all guys then) were too Olympian for my taste. But when, decades later, I was intent on ending my run as The Times' drama critic after nearly 14 years as Kerr's successor, an editor at

the paper floated the notion of taking my highly opinionated self to the Op-Ed page. And so I leapt. I had written about politics on and off in my career, and had always been fascinated by the intersection of politics and culture. It had not been lost on me as a child that the Kennedy inaugural gala had been studded with stars from Broadway and Hollywood, and that the Rat Pack might have held even more sway over the White House than, say, Lippmann.

Now 17 more years have flown by, and, as you may have heard, I have decided to move on from Op-Ed columnizing (as Bill Safire called it) to a fresh adventure in journalism at New York magazine. It was a highly personal decision and I've been weighing it for some time.

My decision is no reflection on The Times. This paper remains a nonpareil platform for writing a column — not just for its readership, but also for its journalistic freedom. During my time on the page, the most frequent question I've been asked by readers is: Did The Times ever censor you, or try to censor you? The answer is no. The same, by the way, was true when my theater reviews regularly antagonized some of the paper's biggest advertisers. □





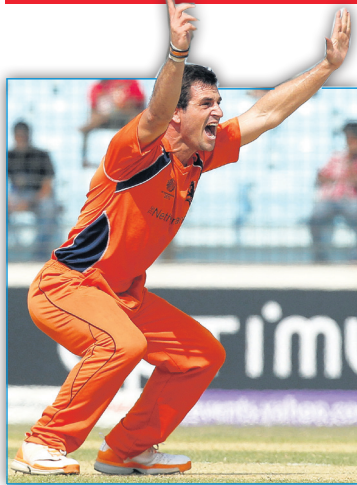
# Concussions: New rules for treating NHL players

Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara (33) during practice before the NHL hockey game against the New York Islanders Friday, March 11, 2011, in Uniondale, N.Y. Chara shouldered Montreal Canadiens Max Pacioretty on March 8 the result of which left Pacioretty with a concussion and fractured vertebra.

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Netherlands bowler Ryan ten Doeschate unsuccessfully appeals for LBW against Bangladesh's batsman Imrul Kayes, unseen, during the Cricket World Cup Group B match at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong, Bangladesh, Monday, March 14, 2011.

Associated Press

## Pakistan through to quarters

CAROLINE CHEESE

AP Sports Writer

BANGALORE, India (AP)

— Pakistan completed the quarterfinal qualifiers from Group A with a rain-affected seven-wicket win over Zimbabwe on Monday, while World Cup co-host Bangladesh edged closer to a place in the last eight with a routine win over the Netherlands. Pakistan joined Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Australia in qualifying, with only the placings in that group to be decided in the last league games.

No teams in Group B have guaranteed places in the

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## SWEET CAROLINE

## Top-seed Wozniacki cruises into 4<sup>th</sup> round



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark returns a shot to Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain during a third round match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Monday, March 14, 2011.

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# Busch knocked out in opening round of NHRA event

By MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — Former NASCAR champion Kurt Busch climbed out of his dragster with a huge smile on his face, then got mobbed by crewmembers.

He might as well have been in Victory Lane.

Busch celebrated a narrow defeat in his professional drag-racing debut Sunday, far from the emotions he would have shown had his day ended so early in a NASCAR race.

But Busch was a rookie in his first pro event, facing a seasoned veteran and merely trying to have some fun during NASCAR's open weekend. So this loss was a big win — for Busch, for the NHRA Gatornationals and for the often-overlooked Pro Stock division.

"This was a weekend that I'll never forget," Busch said.

Erica Enders edged Busch by half a car length on the quarter-mile drag strip. Enders, the No. 5 seed, covered the distance in 6.538 seconds. The 12th-seeded Busch crossed the finish line in 6.541 seconds.

Nonetheless, Busch had the



This photo released by NHRA shows NASCAR driver Kurt Busch qualifying in the Pro Stock Division at the Tire Kingdom Gatornationals in Gainesville, Fla., Saturday March 12, 2011.

fifth-fastest time in the opening round — good enough to beat most of the field. It also turned out to be his best run ever, better than any of his 50 testing passes, better than his four qualifying efforts and better than anyone expected. "We just came up short," Busch said. "It's three-hundredths of a second, and in this game of drag racing, that's enough to put you back on the

trailer. I feel we can hang our heads high about this. It was a fantastic enjoyment all weekend."

Had the 2004 Sprint Cup champion been at a NASCAR event Sunday, he would have jumped on his private jet and been home in a few hours. Instead, he stuck around Gainesville Raceway to experience the event.

After a brief celebration with

his team, Busch returned to the starting line and watched the rest of the competition. He cheered for Enders, the only woman in the 16-driver field, who lost in the second round. Busch spent countless time walking around the paddock area, shaking hands with fans and posing for pictures. "It's a unique feeling," Busch said. "The atmosphere here is like a carnival atmosphere.

I'm ready to grab a corndog and a cold beer and go watch ... finish the day off."

Busch made his NHRA debut last year in Gainesville. He entered his 1970 Dodge Challenger in the Sportsman division, but got only two passes over four days because of heavy rain.

Despite his lack of experience, Busch decided to turn pro. He got backing from Dodge and his NASCAR sponsors, then rented a car from Pro Stock veteran Allen Johnson.

His pro debut got off to a slow start. Busch had two error-filled qualifying runs Friday, but rebounded with two solid passes Saturday and made the show.

His elimination race was one of the closest of the day, with Enders beating Busch off the line and then holding him off near the finish.

"People just don't get in these cars and do well," said Enders, who's been racing for seven years in Pro Stock.

"What he did, I think that speaks volumes for how good a driver he really is. You see people work years and years and years and not be able to do this." □

## Derby Top 10: Uncle Mo No. 1, Premier Pegasus is 6

By The Associated Press

He's a thoroughbred breeder, owner and trainer. Myung Kwon Cho wouldn't mind adding another title to his racing resume: Kentucky Derby winner.

The 68-year-old South Korean horseman looks to have a strong Derby contender in Premier Pegasus, who won the San Felipe at Santa Anita over the weekend by a record-margin 7 3/4 lengths.

A powerful move on the turn for home propelled the 3-year-old colt to an impressive victory over 1-2 favorite Jaycito in the \$250,000 race at Santa Anita.

The win was the fourth in five starts for Premier Pegasus, a son of 2000 Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus, and moved

him to No. 6 in The Associated Press' Run to the Roses Top 10 list of Derby contenders. "He looked great after the race and we'll take a look at the Santa Anita Derby as the next step," Cho's son, 17-year-old Raxon Cho, said.

After watching replays, he added: "His margin looked even bigger after watching them."

Cho is not new to the Derby scene. A Los Angeles clothing exporter who came to the U.S. in 1978, Cho owned one Derby runner (Video Ranger) and owned and trained another (Nationalore). In 1990, Video Ranger ran fourth behind Unbridled; Nationalore was ninth behind Real Quiet in 1991.

A solid showing in the Santa Anita Derby on April 9

should send Premier Pegasus to Churchill Downs as one of the favorites for the Kentucky Derby on May 7.

Unbeaten Uncle Mo, meanwhile, remained No. 1 following his successful 3-year-old debut, an easy 3 3/4-length victory in the Timely Writer at Gulfstream Park. It was Mo's first race since winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in November.

"It's the first time in four months that I've taken a deep breath, so it kind of feels good," said Mike Repole, who owns Uncle Mo and No. 5 Stay Thirsty. "When you have the best trainer in the world and he tells you how good this horse is, you've got to trust him."

Todd Pletcher trains both of



This photo released by Benoit Photo shows Premier Pegasus and jockey Alonso Quinonez winning the Grade II, \$250,000 San Felipe Stakes, Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Santa Anita Park, Arcadia Calif.

Associated Press

Repole's Derby prospects as well as Brethen, who dropped to No. 10 from No. 2 following a third-place finish behind a pair of long shots in the Tampa Bay Derby on Saturday.

Uncle Mo is likely headed to the Wood Memorial on April 9 at Aqueduct, with Gotham

winner Stay Thirsty set for the Florida Derby on April 3 at Gulfstream. There's a possibility, though, plans could change for both horses.

Tampa Bay Derby winner Watch Me Go, who won at odds of 43-1, moves onto the Derby scene for owner Gibert G. Campbell. □



# Concussions: New rules for treating NHL players

BOCA RATON, Florida (AP) — Accidental concussions in the NHL have doubled since last season, and general managers are looking at ways to slow the game.

The GMs began three days of meetings Monday with head injuries leading the agenda. Following the first session, Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the league will adopt a more rigorous protocol for examining players with possible concussions.

Other changes are likely. The speed of the sport has long been a big attraction, but a rise in concussions and two recent high-profile cases have created pressure to revise the rules.

"We will look at a lot of areas," Montreal's Pierre Gauthier said. "There's a definite will to improve the situation and make the game safer."

The Canadiens' Max Pacioretty sustained a severe concussion last week, and Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby practiced Monday for the first time since being sidelined in early January because of a concussion. Such injuries have left fans unhappy, and sponsor Air Canada threatened to withdraw its support. As a result, GMs are thinking about applying the brakes.

"It's kind of odd that we're talking about rules to slow things down," Tampa Bay Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman said. "Players are bigger athletes. They're faster and stronger. The equipment is designed to shoot the puck harder and faster. But now we're going the other way and looking at, 'OK, how do we make it slower?'"

Other possible changes include a ban on head shots. But Crosby noted such a rule might be difficult to implement.

"There are times when there is going to be accidental contact, and how do you deal with that?" he said. "If someone targets the head, then yeah, I think that should be banned. ... It's whether or not it's intentional. Sometimes that's tough to really know when you're talking about a fast game like hockey."

Blindside hits to the head were banned last year. As a result, only one concussion this season was caused by a blindside hit, compared with four a year ago.

Another issue is the accurate diagnosis of head injuries. Under the new protocol, any player showing concussion symptoms must be examined by a doctor in the locker room. Until now, an examination on the bench by a trainer was the minimum requirement.

As the meetings began, general managers were given the results of a two-year statistical study, and they watched video of nearly all of the concussions this season. According to the study, 44 percent of concussions this season have resulted from legal hits, 26 percent from accidental hits, 17 percent from illegal hits and 8 percent from fighting. The cause of 5 percent couldn't be determined.

"People would be surprised how many concussions are from inadvertent contact," Toronto Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke said.

Concern about concussions has been on the rise in other sports as well, and the rate of such injuries in hockey may be increasing partly because of better awareness and diagnoses.

Regardless, there's a consensus head injuries need to be reduced.



In this March 8, 2011 file photo, Montreal Canadiens' Max Pacioretty hits his head on the glass partition between the benches on a hard check from Boston Bruins' Zdeno Chara (33) during second period NHL hockey action in Montreal. Associated Press

"It's never going to be a safe workplace," Burke said. "It never has been. It never will be. But I think it's incumbent on us to see if there are ways we can make it safer without changing the fabric of our game."

The league will study using smaller equipment and making the playing area safer. Pacioretty was left with a severe concussion and cracked vertebra when he was driven into a glass partition by Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara. "There's no one single thing causing concussions," Bettman said. "There is no magic

bullet to deal with this. I know that it's an emotional, intense subject, particularly for our fans. We get it. But dealing with this issue is not something you can do whimsically or emotionally. You really have to understand what's going on." Punishment is another aspect of the debate. Bettman said he'll take steps this offseason to ensure clubs are responsible for the acts of their players. He defended the league's decision not to fine or suspend Chara. "I took a poll of the general managers," he said, "and overwhelmingly they believe

that the right decision was made in that case, and that no supplemental discipline should have been imposed."

Bettman said he's not concerned about losing sponsors because of concussions, despite the threat from Air Canada.

"I believe the people at Air Canada are fans of the game, and their concerns about player safety are no different than our concerns about player safety," Bettman said.

At least two other sponsors, Kraft Canada and Scotiabank, expressed their continuing support for the NHL. □

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# Love's double-double streak ends in Warriors loss



Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Love, right, looks to pass away from Golden State Warriors' David Lee during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, March 13, 2011, in Oakland, Calif. Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry had 24 points and nine rebounds, and the Golden State Warriors ended Kevin Love's four-month run of consecutive double-doubles in a 100-77 win over the Minne-

sota Timberwolves on Sunday night.

Monta Ellis and Dorell Wright added 16 points apiece for Golden State, which has already won four more games under first-year coach Keith

Smart than it did last season. Love had 12 rebounds but scored only six points on 1-of-6 shooting, ending his streak of double-doubles at 53 games. It was the NBA's longest streak since Elvin Hayes did it in 55 consecutive games in 1973-74.

Love made his first shot of the game early in the first quarter but couldn't get much going after that and was held under 10 points for the first time since going scoreless against the Los Angeles Lakers on Nov. 19. The Warriors, who rallied from 21 points down to beat Orlando in overtime on Friday, trailed early before pulling away from the hapless Timberwolves. Golden State led by five at halftime, went on a 13-2 run coming out of the break, then cruised the rest of the way in a battle of two teams going nowhere this season. Minnesota had no response and shot just 36.6 percent from the floor while losing for the fourth time in

six games. The 77 points were a season-low for coach Kurt Rambis' team. Love's streak has been the only thing keeping the Timberwolves (17-51) in the headlines these days. Not anymore. While Love did his part on the boards, he struggled to do anything offensively against Golden State's David Lee. Paired against Love most of the night, Lee repeatedly denied the ball in the low post and kept Love from scoring off offensive rebounds, something that had become of staple of the streak. After sitting the final 2 minutes of the third quarter and the first 3-plus minutes of the fourth, Love returned in the fourth but scored just one point as Minnesota struggled to get him the ball. When Love checked out of the game for good with 4:08 left to play, a section of Warrior fans chanted "Your streak's over." None of the Timberwolves did much either and Minnesota lost to Golden State for the

third time in four games this season. The Warriors, who set a franchise record with 21 3-pointers in Friday's win over Orlando, cooled off considerably from beyond the arc — though it hardly mattered. Golden State led by as much as 24 and got a lift off from reserve Lew Amundson.

Amundson had 11 points and seven rebounds, helping overcome center Andris Biedrins' sluggish night. Biedrins had just six rebounds and was held scoreless.

Wright made a 3-pointer and a fast-break layup on consecutive possessions to give the Warriors a 62-46 midway through the third quarter. Curry later added a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth when Golden State led 92-70.

**In other NBA games it was Oklahoma City 95, Cleveland 75; Charlotte 95, Toronto 90; Orlando 111, Phoenix 88; Indiana 106, New York 93; and Boston 87, Milwaukee 56.** □

## PAKISTAN

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knockout stage.

Bangladesh's five-wicket win in Chittagong on Monday means England must beat West Indies on Thursday in Chennai or will be eliminated in the first round. If England sees off the West Indies, Bangladesh will be left needing to beat South Africa in Dhaka on Saturday. "It was a nervous game because we had to win to stay in the contest," Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan said. "We'll watch the West Indies-England game very closely, but we want to do well against South Africa."

While Group B is providing all the thrills and spills, Group A is yet to produce a shock result and that pattern continued on Monday as Pakistan easily saw off Zimbabwe. Pakistan faces Australia in its final group game on Saturday, after

New Zealand has played Sri Lanka on Friday in the games that will decide the group placings.

Zimbabwe captain Elton Chigumbura won the toss and chose to bat under threatening skies at Sri Lanka's Pallekele Stadium, but after a short shower delayed the start of play, Zimbabwe had slipped to 96-5 when the heavy rain started. Pakistan's bowlers were back in form after conceding 302 to New Zealand last time out, with Umar Gul taking 3-36 as another downpour left Zimbabwe on 151-7 in the 40th over. That meant Pakistan had to chase a Duckworth/Lewis adjusted target of 162 off 38 overs. Shahid Afridi's squad got the required runs fairly comfortably inside 35 overs, with Asad Shafiq scoring an unbeaten 75 after coming into the side for his first game at this World Cup. "It always feels great when you play your first



Pakistan's batsman Asad Shafiq, right, plays a shot as Zimbabwe's wicket keeper Tatenda Taibu looks on during the Cricket World Cup match between Pakistan and Zimbabwe in Pallekele, Sri Lanka, Monday, March 14, 2011.

Associated Press

game and it finishes like that," said Shafiq, who replaced the injured Umar Akmal.

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar also sat out the game for Pakistan, while underfire Kamran Akmal kept his place behind the stumps

with his brother injured.

Gul was voted player of the match after taking his tournament tally to 10 wickets. "I'm back in my form and rhythm," Gul said. "I tried to bowl wicket to wicket. Before the match started, I looked at the pitch and

spoke with my coach and captain, I was happy to bowl first." Bangladesh's surprise win over England on Friday revived its quarterfinal hopes — but meant the team was under enormous pressure to beat the Netherlands and keep the momentum rolling.

Shakib's squad responded with a comfortable win in front of a packed crowd in Chittagong, the same venue which hosted the win over England. The Dutch were let down by their batting as they struggled to cope with Bangladesh's left-arm spin, losing wickets at regular intervals before they were all out for 160 in the 47th over. Star batsman Tamim Iqbal's dismissal for a duck on the fourth ball of Bangladesh's chase might have caused some concern, but Imrul Kayes' unbeaten 73 from 113 balls helped Bangladesh reach its target in the 42nd over to complete a five-wicket win. □



# Nadal, Wozniacki win easily at Indian Wells

**INDIAN WELLS, California (AP)** — Rafael Nadal breezed past American qualifier Ryan Sweeting 6-3, 6-1 in a third-round match as the second week of the BNP Paribas Open began Monday.

Nadal improved to 28 wins from 32 matches in his career at Indian Wells, where he's won twice.

The world's top-ranked men's player has lost six games in his first two matches while showing no lingering effects from his recent left thigh injury.

Women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark advanced with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Spain's Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez that took just over an hour.

Wozniacki has improved her results in each of her first four years playing at Indian Wells, where she was runner-up to champion Jelena Jankovic last year.

Other women's winners were No. 8 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, No. 9 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, No. 16 Maria Sharapova and No. 22 Alisa Kleybanova of Russia.

Sharapova beat 20th-seeded Aravane Rezai of France, 6-2, 6-2 as the Russian star returns to the WTA Tour after a five-week absence because of illness.

"I started like I didn't have my cup of coffee or something, didn't have my peeps around, so that was disappointing," Sharapova said. "When she's on, she can be one of the toughest players to play against. She had a lot of errors. I returned a lot better, and served a lot better in the second set."

There were two upsets on the men's side: fourth-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden and No. 11 seed Nicolas Almagro of Spain both lost.

Soderling fell to No. 32 seed Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany, 7-6 (8), 6-4 after holding five set points in the tie-breaker; while 23rd-seeded Albert Montanes of Spain took out Almagro 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Soderling was bothered by a left foot injury that first occurred during Sweden's victory over Russia in Davis Cup play nearly 10 days ago.

"I lost the match when I decided to go on court," he said. "I shouldn't have done that. It's pretty stupid to play."

Soderling, who was in bed for five days with a fever before the tournament began, had yet to have his foot examined by a doctor. He is scheduled to play at Key Biscayne, Florida next week.

"Hopefully, they won't find anything bad," he said. "The more I play on the foot, the worse it gets."

American qualifier Donald



**Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns a shot to Ryan Sweeting, of the United States, at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, Monday, March 14, 2011, in Indian Wells, Calif.**

*Associated Press*

Young's run ended with a 6-0, 6-4 loss to 25th-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain, two days after Young upset fifth-ranked Andy Murray.

Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, the 2009 U.S. Open champion, defeated 20th-seeded Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 7-6 (3), 6-3. □

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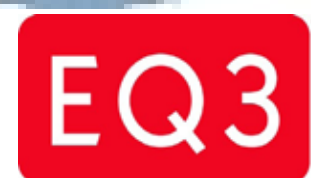
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Stern praises decision to let Britain in Olympics

**LONDON (AP)** — NBA Commissioner David Stern has welcome the decision to allow Britain's basketball teams to compete at the 2012 London Olympics.

Stern says "the opportunity for (British) fans to see Team GB compete at the highest level of our sport will be a treat for them and will accelerate the appreciation for basketball in the UK in an enormously positive way."

On Sunday, world governing body FIBA gave Britain's men's and women's teams automatic spots in the London Games without having to qualify.

The men's team could feature Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng, Detroit Pistons guard Ben Gordon and former NBA player Pops Mensah-Bonsu, who now plays for French club Lyon-Villeurbane. □

### Stanley Cup winner Bob Hartley to coach Zurich

**ZURICH (AP)** — Stanley Cup-winning coach Bob Hartley has been appointed to coach Zurich Lions.

The Swiss club says the 50-year-old Canadian has agreed to a two-year contract.

Hartley led Colorado Avalanche to win the Stanley Cup in 2001 during a four-year spell in Denver, and also coached Atlanta Thrashers from 2003-07.

At Zurich, Hartley replaces Bengt-Ake Gustafsson, who coached Sweden's gold medal-winning team at the 2006 Turin Olympics.

Zurich became European champion by winning the inaugural Champions Hockey League in 2009. However, the team has been eliminated in the first round of the Swiss League playoffs for the past two seasons. □

### Davis Cup, Fed Cup to use more Hawk-Eye

**LONDON (AP)** — The Davis Cup quarterfinals and the Fed Cup semifinals will use Hawk-Eye replay technology this year.

The International Tennis Federation says it is increasing the amount of matches in both team competitions that will be able to call upon the system to settle disputed line calls.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti says "the increased use of electronic review at ties reflects the importance of these competitions, and creates added interest and entertainment for spectators."

The technology will only be used on hard courts and grass courts.

Hawk-Eye was first used in the Davis Cup for the 2006 final between Russia and Argentina. It was used for the Fed Cup final in 2007, and was then extended to the Davis Cup semifinals in 2010. □

### Evans wins stage, increases overall lead

**MACERATA, Italy (AP)** — Former world champion Cadel Evans won the penultimate stage of the weeklong Tirreno-Adriatico race Monday to increase his overall lead.

The Australian clocked 4 hours, 37 hours, 58 seconds over the 114-mile hilly sixth leg from Ussita to Macerata, beating Italian riders Giovanni Visconti and Michele Scarponi in a sprint finish.

In the overall standings, Evans holds a nine-second lead ahead of Scarponi, with Giro d'Italia winner Ivan Basso 12 seconds back in third. The coast-to-coast race ends Tuesday with 5.8-mile individual time trial in San Benedetto del Tronto.

Many riders are using this event as a warmup for Saturday's Milan-San Remo, the opening single-day classic of the season. □

# Ohio State runaway No. 1 in AP's final men's poll

By **JIM O'CONNELL**

**AP Basketball Writer**

Ohio State, Kansas and Duke were the only teams ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll this season, and they were among nine teams in the Top 25 from start to finish.

Ohio State (32-2), the overall No. 1 seed for the NCAA tournament, led the poll for the third straight week and eighth overall. The Big Ten regular-season and tournament champions received 51 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday. Kansas (32-2) was No. 1 for one week this season. The Jayhawks, which won both Big 12 titles, drew the other 14 first-place votes and were second for the third straight week.

Duke (30-4) spent the most time at No. 1 this season. The Blue Devils, who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, were first in the preseason poll and for 10 weeks during the season. They jumped from fifth, their lowest ranking of the season, to third in the final poll. Pittsburgh, the Big East regular-season champion, dropped from third to fourth in the final poll.

Notre Dame, San Diego State, North Carolina, Texas, Connecticut and BYU rounded out the top 10.

Kentucky was No. 11, followed by Syracuse, Purdue, Louisville, Florida, Wisconsin, Arizona, St. John's, Utah State and Xavier. The last five ranked teams were Kansas State, West Virginia, Washington, Texas A&M and Vanderbilt.

Washington, Texas A&M and Vanderbilt all returned to the poll this week, replacing Georgetown, Temple and Cincinnati.

Nine teams were ranked in every poll this season — Duke, Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Kansas, Syracuse, Kentucky, Purdue, BYU and San Diego State — while Georgetown missed by one point of joining the group.



Ohio State forward Jared Sullinger smiles as he carries the trophy following Ohio State's 71-60 win over Penn State in an NCAA college basketball game in the championship of the Big Ten Conference tournament in Indianapolis, Sunday, March 13, 2011.

*Associated Press*

The Hoyas were ranked in every poll except the last and they were 26th in that one, one point behind No. 25 Vanderbilt.

Duke has the longest run of consecutive appearances, having been in every poll since the preseason Top 25 of 2007-08. Purdue has the second-longest streak, starting with the final seven polls of 2007-08.

There were three one-week wonders this season: Georgia (No. 24), Saint Mary's (No. 22) and Florida State (No. 22) were all ranked for just one poll. Virginia Tech, the object of much discussion after being left out of the NCAA tournament's field of 68, was ranked in the preseason poll (No. 21) and for the first voting of the regular season (22).

Forty-four teams from 12 conferences were ranked this season.

The Big East had 10 of its 16 members ranked during the season and tied its own record with nine teams in the same poll twice.

The Big East had nine teams ranked for one week in January 2009 as well.

The Big Ten and Big 12 both had six teams ranked at some point this season, while the Southeastern Conference had five and the Atlantic Coast Conference four. The Mountain West had three teams in the Top 25, the West Coast Conference, Pac-10, Conference USA and Atlantic 10 had two and the Horizon League and Western Athletic Conference one each. □



# Time Warner Cable launches iPad application with live TV

By PETER SVENSSON

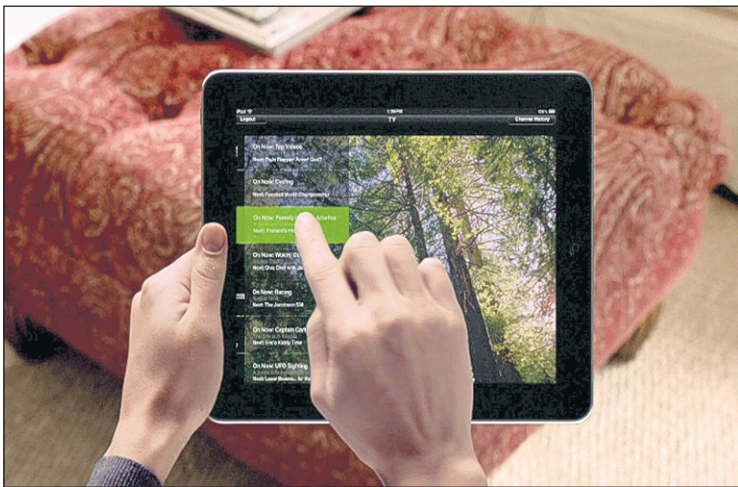
AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK** — Time Warner Cable Inc. is launching an iPad application that plays live TV, becoming the first cable or satellite company to do so.

The app will be free to download on Tuesday morning, but it will only work for people who subscribe to both video and Internet service from the New York-based cable company.

Even then, it only works in the home, when the iPad is connected to the company's cable modem via a Wi-Fi router.

Rob Marcus, the company's chief operating officer and president, said the app will play 30 basic cable channels in high definition to start, but that number should expand soon. "For all intents and purposes ... this enables you to



In this product image provided by Times Warner Cable Inc., the Times Warner Cable app is displayed on an iPad.

Associated Press

convert any room in a house into a TV room," Marcus said. Other major cable companies have iPad apps that play video on demand or act like big remotes.

Comcast Corp., the largest, has promised that its app will play live TV before the end of the year. Time Warner Cable's

app doesn't work as a remote control, nor does it give access to video on demand or shows stored on a digital video recorder in the home. Marcus said these features will be added later. He also said laptops, smart phones and smart TVs could all eventually get apps, too. □

## Twitter co-founder Stone joins Huffington Post

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AOL says Biz Stone, one of the founders of messaging service Twitter, is joining AOL and its recent acquisition The Huffington Post Media Group as an adviser on "social impact and cause-based initiatives."

AOL Inc. CEO Tim Armstrong said Monday that Stone will be advising on "using innovative approaches to do good and give back."

Huffington Post also says it's hiring veteran John Montorio as culture and entertainment editor, as well as 10 new reporters.

On Thursday, AOL said Thursday it will slash 900 jobs worldwide, or nearly 20 percent of its work force, partly to eliminate overlap stemming from the acquisition of Huffington Post, which closed a week ago. □

## FTC, Twitter finalize security settlement

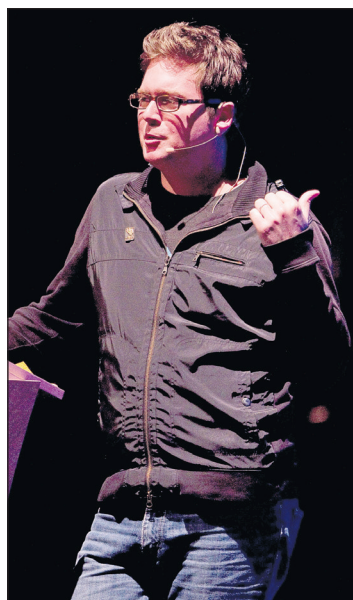
**SEATTLE (AP)** — Federal regulators finalized a settlement Monday with Twitter related to data security lapses in 2009 that gave hackers access to users' accounts.

The Federal Trade Commission said the settlement resolves charges that Twitter deceived its customers and put their privacy at risk by failing to keep their personal information safe as promised by the company's policies.

The settlement bars Twitter from misleading consumers about its security and privacy practices for 20 years. The startup, which lets people publish short messages called tweets, must also establish a comprehensive information security program that will be audited every other year for 10 years.

No monetary damages were assessed.

The FTC complaint said that hackers were able to gain administrative control of Twitter twice between January and



In this Oct. 13, 2010 file photo, Isaac "Biz" Stone, co-founder and Creative Director of Twitter, Inc. Associated Press.

May 2009, and that weak employee passwords and other poor security practices on the part of staffers were to blame. About 55 accounts were accessed by the hackers.

Twitter has said that it quickly closed the security holes after the breaches were discovered. □

## Report: Internet usage transforming news industry

**NEW YORK** — The rapid growth of smart phones and electronic tablets is making the Internet the destination of choice for consumers looking for news, a report released Monday said.

Local, network and cable television news, newspapers, radio and magazines all lost audience last year, according to the Project for Excellence in Journalism, a research organization that evaluates and studies the performance of the press. News consumption online increased 17 percent last year from the year before, the project said in its eighth annual State of the News Media survey. The percentage of people who say they get news online at least three times a week surpassed newspapers for the first time. It was second only to local TV news as the most popular news platform and seems poised to pass that medium, too, project director Tom Rosenstiel said. Local TV news has been the most popular format since the 1960s, when its growth was largely responsible for the death of afternoon newspapers, he said.

"It was a milestone year," he said. People are just becoming accustomed to having the Internet available in their pockets on phones or small tablets, he said. In December, 41 percent of Americans said they got most of their news about national and international issues on the Internet, more than double the 17 percent who said that a year earlier,

the report said.

In January, 7 percent of Americans owned electronic tablets, nearly double what it was three months earlier. Rosenstiel said it's the fastest-growing new digital technology, ahead of cell phones when they were introduced.

From a business standpoint, however, the growth in Internet news consumption hasn't been harnessed by news companies. The project didn't have numbers available but said online ad revenue was expected to surpass print newspaper ad revenue for the first time in 2010.

"The news business used to be the intermediary," Rosenstiel said. "You needed newspapers and TV stations to reach your customers. In this age, it's the device makers and software developers."

Newspaper circulation continued to decline last year, but the rate is slowing, the report said. A survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that 40 percent of Americans read newspapers, in print or online, at least three times a week, down from 52 percent in 2006.

Jobs have followed the exodus: Newsroom staffs are, on average, 30 percent smaller than they were in 2000, the project's report said.

In a telephone survey, the project found that 28 percent of Americans said the loss of their local newspaper would have a major impact on their ability to keep up with local information. □

## Tech companies pitch in on earthquake response

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Google, Twitter and other technology companies are finding ways to help following last week's earthquake in Japan. Google Inc. has an online "person finder" for people seeking information about a missing person. Microsoft Corp. is offering free technical support and temporary software licenses to companies affected by the earthquake. It has also

pledged \$250,000 in cash.

Twitter is trying to help organize the flood of information flowing through its system. It is suggesting people use certain tags for general earthquake information, requests for rescue and other related topics. Amazon.com Inc. and Yahoo Inc. have links on their home pages encouraging people to donate to the relief efforts. □





Traders work in the oil options pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange in New York, Monday, March 14, 2011.  
 Associated Press

# Oil settles higher; Japan may boost fuel imports

NEW YORK (AP) — The earthquake and tsunami in Japan took some steam out of the rally in oil prices by reducing the country’s oil imports. That may not last long. Japan consumes about 4.4 million barrels of oil per day, most of it imported. Only the U.S. and China consume more. With steel plants, auto manufacturers and three of the country’s five major oil refineries temporarily shut down, the use of oil and refined products has dropped. Analysts said Monday that once Japan begins to rebuild, it will boost imports of coal, natural gas, diesel and other refined fuels. And it will need more than before to compensate for the loss of part of its nuclear power industry. “Demand for petroleum products is going to soar,” said analyst and trader Stephen Schork.

The disruption to imports has temporarily eased concerns about the effects that unrest in the Middle East and North Africa is having on global oil supplies. Before the quake hit, oil prices had risen about 24 percent in three weeks. Libya has shut down 1.6 million barrels of daily oil production. The market was also concerned about possible disruptions in Saudi Arabia, which produces about 8.4 million barrels per day. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate for April delivery added 3 cents Monday to settle at \$101.19 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Ex-



In this Feb. 20, 2001 file photo, a PuriNOx technician holds a sample of the fuel additive at the Lubrizol Corp. research lab in Wickliffe, Ohio.  
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) — Warren Buffett’s company said Monday it plans to spend about \$9 billion cash to add specialty chemical maker Lubrizol Corp. to the eclectic mix of businesses inside Berkshire Hathaway Inc. The purchase may help satisfy Buffett’s appetite for large acquisitions to boost Berkshire’s earnings power, but the deal is



# Markets back European debt crisis deal — for now

PAN PYLAS  
 AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Greece was the big winner in the markets Monday after the EU agreed to a surprisingly broad package of measures to tackle the debt crisis that has for over a year threatened the existence of the euro currency. On the weekend, eurozone leaders increased the lending power of the bailout fund and revealed it can be used to buy bonds directly from governments in exceptional circumstances — but only if they agree to further austerity measures. They also eased the bailout terms for Greece, significantly brightening its financial outlook. The deal took markets by surprise, especially as German Chancellor Angela Merkel had been sounding an increasingly strident tone against paying up for profligate governments. Though analysts said the deal doesn’t mean the crisis has come to an end — the governments in the so-called “periphery” have years and years of austerity ahead of them — the hope in the mar-

kets is that the EU is better prepared to deal with another debt crisis flare-up. “Ultimately only fiscal discipline and most importantly, the resumption of sustained economic growth, will resolve the crisis,” said David Riley, head of global sovereign ratings at Fitch. “Last Friday’s decisions by euro area heads provide more time for both, but no more than that.” That appears to be the prevailing view in the markets. The euro rose a mild 0.4 percent on the day to \$1.3992, its gain buffeted by global markets’ volatile reaction to Japan’s massive earthquake, while bond and stock prices rallied. At the close, the ten-year yield on Spanish government bonds was down 0.16 percentage point to 5.27 percent, while Portugal’s was 0.16 percentage point lower at 7.44 percent. Greece was the



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, left, and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy participate in a media conference at an EU Summit in Brussels on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Associated Press

standout performer — its yield slumped a significant 0.38 percentage points to 12.43 percent after Prime Minister George Papandreou managed to negotiate a 1 percentage point decrease in the country’s bailout loan interest rate and an almost

doubling of the repayment period to 7 1/2 years. The yield had slid even more earlier in the day. Stock markets in the peripheral European countries withstood the selling pressure afflicting many of the world’s major indexes — Greece’s main index spiked over 5 percent, Portugal’s was up 1 percent and Spain’s was more or less flat. Analysts said Greece’s easier bailout terms give it more breathing space to manage its mountain of debt, though whether it does anything more than delay an inevitable default remains open to question. “While this is a clear relief for Greece and will reduce some of the pressure on the sovereign, it is unlikely to make the market more comfortable with the stock of debt,” said Jacques Cailloux, chief European economist at Royal Bank of Scotland.□

# Berkshire Hathaway to buy Lubrizol for \$9B in cash

still significantly smaller than last year’s \$26.7 billion acquisition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. “Lubrizol is exactly the sort of company with which we love to partner — the global leader in several market applications run by a talented CEO, James Hambrick,” Buffett said in a statement. Two years ago, Berkshire invested \$3 billion in preferred shares of Dow Chemical to help finance Dow’s purchase of specialty chemical maker Rohm & Haas. That deal likely gave Buffett insight into the high-margin specialty chemical business. Dow paid about \$16.5 billion for Rohm & Haas in 2009, so it appears Berkshire may have found a bargain with its purchase. In Monday’s deal, Berkshire will pay \$135 per share, a 28 percent premium to Lubrizol’s closing stock price Friday of \$105.44. The transaction also includes about \$700 million in net debt. Lubrizol makes chemicals for pharmaceutical companies, fuel additives for gasoline

and diesel and other ingredients for the transportation sector. Last month, it reported that its fourth-quarter profit climbed 17 percent because of a \$19 million tax benefit and higher sales. The company’s revenue grew 11 percent to \$1.32 billion. Berkshire already owns a conglomerate of more than 125 manufacturing and service businesses called Marmon Holdings that may use some of Lubrizol’s products. Marmon’s businesses serve the transportation, energy and construction markets, and Marmon makes products ranging from railroad tank cars to metal fasteners. Buffett biographer and Berkshire shareholder Andy Kilpatrick said he thinks Lubrizol will be a good fit because it appears to be a solid company. “He’s paying a reasonable premium, and he’s getting an entire business with a brand name,” said Kilpatrick, the stockbroker-author of “Of Permanent Value, the Story of Warren Buffett.” Berkshire, which is based in

Omaha, Nebraska, owns roughly 80 subsidiaries, including insurance, clothing, utility, furniture, jewelry and corporate jet firms. It also has major investments in such companies as Coca-Cola Co., Washington Post Co. and Wells Fargo & Co. Buffett, whose investing decisions are carefully scrutinized by the world of finance, said earlier this month that while he’s interested in making acquisitions, it’s hard to find big businesses that fit into Berkshire well. He also noted that businesses that do appeal to him usually aren’t selling at the right price. Berkshire finished 2010 with about \$38 billion cash on hand, so it had the resources ready for a deal. Buffett is regarded as a master of value investing — focusing on finding financially sound companies with underpriced shares. He has simple standards for what he looks for in an investment: easy-to-understand large companies with a strong competitive advantage that generate cash and above-

average returns on capital. Berkshire’s biggest acquisition before BNSF was the \$16 billion stock purchase of reinsurance giant General Re announced in 1998. Buffett said he tries to close deals quickly partly to avoid the kind of insider trading a former Goldman Sachs board member has been accused of engaging in just before Berkshire invested \$5 billion in Goldman in 2008. Berkshire Hathaway and Lubrizol expect the acquisition to close in the third quarter. After the deal is complete, Lubrizol will become a Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary. It will keep its Wickliffe, Ohio, headquarters and continue to be led by current management. Both companies’ boards have unanimously approved the buyout, but it still needs the approval of Lubrizol shareholders. Lubrizol shares gained \$28.41, or 27 percent, to \$133.85 in morning trading, while Berkshire Hathaway’s Class B shares fell 89 cents to \$84.41.□

# Aflac says Japan sales face minimal impact

COLUMBUS, Georgia (AP) — Aflac Inc., a U.S.-based insurance company that sells health and life insurance to one out of every four people in Japan, said Monday that its Japanese sales will likely face only a minimal impact from the earthquake and tsunami there. arly estimates for the losses for insurers and reinsurers around the globe are ranging from \$10 billion to \$50 billion. “We remain ready to respond to the needs of our policyholders by paying claims swiftly, and will prioritize our response to those in the affected areas,” Aflac Japan President and Chief Operating Officer Tohru Tonoike said in a statement. Nonetheless, its shares fell \$2.30, or 4.1 percent, to \$53.25 in pre-market trading. Aflac, based in Columbus, Georgia, said it is the biggest insurance company in Japan in terms of individual policies in force. But

the company said less than 5 percent of Aflac Japan’s new sales and in-force premiums come from the hard-hit Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures there. Aflac Japan’s main offices, which include corporate offices in Tokyo and operational centers in Tokyo and Osaka, did not incur any damage and are fully operational. The company said all of Aflac Japan’s workers are safe. Aflac said it continues to reach out to its independent sales force to assess their needs. Two of Aflac Japan’s 82 sales offices, both in the same building in Sendai, have minimal damage. They will be closed temporarily due to power outages. On Friday Aflac CEO Dan Amos said he expected the number of claims to be high, but that the company was well prepared to cover them. He was scheduled to fly into Japan on Sunday. Aflac said its 2011

# Chicago, carriers reach nearly \$1.2B O’Hare deal



In this photo taken Oct. 5, 2010, an American Airlines jet, right, taxis past United Airlines and United Express jets at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago as the Willis Tower looms in the background.

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The city of Chicago and two major airlines announced a nearly \$1.2 billion deal Monday to go ahead with parts of a long-planned expansion for O’Hare International Airport, one of the world’s busiest air traffic hubs. That means construction of a new runway can begin, even though questions remain about the timing and pace of future expansion. It also allows Mayor Richard Daley to

leave office this spring after 22 years with renewed momentum on one of his biggest priorities. “This is a wonderful day for Chicago, the Chicago region and the country,” said Daley, who had scrambled to ensure a signature project didn’t grind to a halt. “The agreement ensures that the completion phase continues to move forward without increase to any local tax.” City officials have argued that finishing a second phase of the estimated \$15 billion expansion will help reduce delays in Chicago and throughout the U.S. air transport system. The airlines, however, had balked at footing most of the bill for more upgrades and had sued the city to try to stop the expansion.



In this file photo taken March 27, 2008, Daniel Amos, Chairman and CEO of Aflac, talks during an interview at The Associated Press n New York.

Associated Press

operating earnings will be at the low end of its 8 percent to 12 percent range for growth, excluding the impact of currency. In February the company said it expected full-year adjusted earnings of \$5.97 per share, excluding the impact of the dollar-yen exchange rate. At the time Aflac said its reported earnings would likely come in between \$6.09 and \$6.34 per share if the yen remained strong.□

Both sides were at an impasse as recently as last month, when Daley and airline executives went to Washington to meet with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. LaHood, a former Illinois congressman, eventually offered an extra \$155 million, in addition to earlier funding, to close the deal. American and United agreed to back about \$300 million in bonds with airline revenues. The city will also use about \$365 million in passenger fees. “We decided on the runway that we felt was most important,” LaHood said Monday at O’Hare. The deal, though, delays decisions about a new western terminal and other elements of the project opposed by American and United airlines. □



## Promoter: Bob Dylan to play first Vietnam concert



**Bob Dylan**

**HANOI** – Legendary American singer Bob Dylan, whose songs became anthems of the 1960s anti-Vietnam War era, will play his first concert in the communist country next month, the promoter said Monday.

“The show is on,” Brett Davis, a spokesman for the promoters, told AFP, adding the culture ministry had given its approval.

The event is to take place on April 10 at RMIT University in southern Ho Chi Minh City, said a separate statement from the promoter, Saigon Sound System. General admission tickets cost \$50, slightly less than an average monthly wage.

Davis said the venue has a capacity of 8,000 and organisers are anticipating “a good mix”

of foreign fans and Vietnamese. About half of Vietnam’s youthful population is under 30, giving them no memory of the war era that helped Dylan rocket to fame.

Songs such as “Masters of War”, “Blowin’ in the Wind” and “The Times They Are A-Changin’” became anthems for the United States counter-culture but were written in the early 60s before the peak of US military involvement in Vietnam.

Dylan, who turns 70 in May, is to visit Vietnam as part of an Asian tour that will also take him to China for the first time. The last American combat troops left Vietnam in 1973 and the war ended two years later with the communist victory that reunified the country. □

## “Grey’s Anatomy” cast to sing in musical episode

By Phil Gallo AP

**LOS ANGELES** – Television series “Grey’s Anatomy” will be treated to a group sing-along in the show’s musical episode airing March 31 on ABC.

With a Tony Award winner in the cast, Sara Ramirez, it’s no surprise she receives the bulk of the solos on the drama’s first musical episode.

As Dr. Callie Torres, she sings lead on Kate Havnevik’s “Grace” and Brandi Carlile’s “The Story” and shares lead duties with Jessica Capshaw on KT Tunstall’s “Universe & U.” The show will feature nine songs closely associated with the show.

Chandra Wilson, who starred in “Caroline, or Change” on Broadway, sings lead on Get Set Go’s “Wait.” Only one of the songs, Gomez’s “How We Operate,” will feature a lead male voice, that of Kevin McKidd who portrays Dr. Owen Hunt.

The ensemble of Ramirez, McKidd, Daniel Sunjata, Scott Foley, Justin Chambers, Chandra Bailey, Kim Raver and Capshaw gets two numbers: “How to Save a Life” and Jesus Jackson’s “Running On Sunshine.”

A video of Ramirez, who won her acting Tony for the musi-



**“Grey’s Anatomy”**

cal “Spamalot,” McKidd and Bailey singing Snow Patrol’s “Chasing Cars” is featured in a promo for the drama. The show returns to original episodes March 24.

The show’s creator Shonda Rhimes and director Tony Phelan had the songs selected and written into a script in November when Chris Horvath was brought in as music director.

He spent about two months on arrangements and rehearsing musicians; the vocals were recorded over four days.

“When we started I knew we

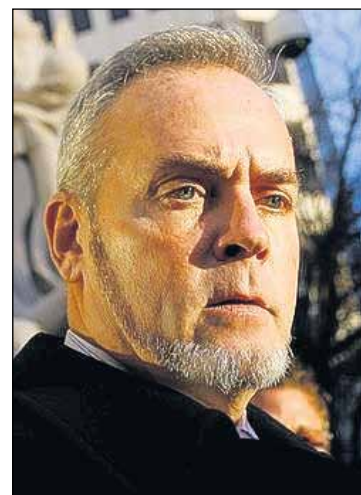
had four people who had serious vocal talent, some had a little bit of experience and some had barely sung in the shower,” Horvath tells Billboard.

“There was some pushback from some of the cast but I was impressed by how everybody responded.”

Capshaw, for example, worked with a vocal coach and came up “with some really cool qualities” in her voice, Horvath said.

He was also impressed with Chyler Leigh, another non-singer. □

## TV’s Hatch turns himself in to begin 9-month term



**R.I. Hatch**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Reality TV star Richard Hatch presented himself to U.S. marshals in Rhode Island on Monday to begin a nine-month prison sentence for failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million he won on first season of the CBS show “Survivor.” Hatch arrived at U.S. District

Court in Providence just after noon, wearing a blue sweat-suit. He told reporters outside the courthouse that he is innocent. He has appealed his case to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

“I hope I’m released soon,” Hatch said. “But this system is not effective in dealing with the truth. As always, I’ll comply with whatever I’m asked to do and continue my pursuit of exoneration.”

Hatch lives in Newport and currently is appearing on NBC’s “The Celebrity Apprentice.” He spent three years in prison for tax evasion before being released in 2009 and was serving a three-year term of supervised release. During that period, he was supposed to refile his 2000 and 2001 taxes and pay what

he owed, but he never did.

U.S. District Court Judge William Smith ordered Hatch back to prison last week. During that hearing, Hatch said he was working with an accountant to determine from the IRS what he still owed.

On Monday morning, Smith denied Hatch’s request for more time before beginning his sentence.

Hatch now owes an estimated \$2 million to the IRS, a figure that includes taxes on his “Survivor” winnings and penalties. □



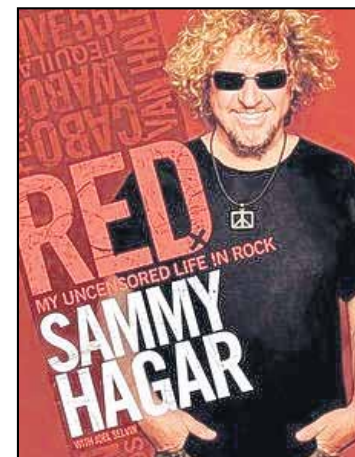
## Sammy Hagar’s book truly ‘Uncensored’

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER, Associated Press

“Red: My Uncensored Life in Rock” (It Books), by Sammy Hagar: There are tell-all books. And then there are tell-all books written by Sammy Hagar. The 63-year-old ex-Van Halen frontman holds back nothing and I mean absolutely nothing in his autobiography, “Red: My Uncensored Life in Rock.”

Sex? During Van Halen’s live shows, Hagar says the four band members set up tents under the stage where they would have trysts with hand-picked women who were rounded up by roadies.

Drugs? You name it, Hagar has snorted, smoked or ingested it. Rock ‘n’ roll? He’s played with some of the biggest names in music, from Van Halen and the Grateful Dead to Kenny Chesney and Toby Keith. Most musicians’ memoirs have some of each



**Sammy Hagar**

category covered, but the Red Rocker’s life look-back doesn’t skimp on the details. “I’m not a liar,” Hagar writes. “I’d rather tell you the truth and deal with it.” And that’s exactly what he does, providing readers with a backstage pass that shows how a guy who grew up “bone poor” in post-World War II California and relied on welfare money to survive in his early adult years ascended to the pinnacle of the rock world. □



## Prince William and Kate Middleton represent future



Prince William and Kate

By GREGORY KATZ, Associated Press

**LONDON** – Powerful husband? No problem. Money? Got that too. Clothes, good looks? Ditto.

What does the woman who has it all do after her honeymoon? That's a tough one.

Kate Middleton's fame is undeniable.

She is already one of the world's most talked-about women, and that will only increase when she marries Prince William next month. But her royal role remains completely undefined, and much rests on her slender shoulders.

If her marriage to Prince William is a joyous union that produces heirs, not tears and recrimination, the young couple could put the somewhat shaky British monarchy on solid footing for generations to come.

But if it collapses into a replay of Prince Charles' I-hate-you-I-hate-you-more donnybrook with Lady Di, the impact on the House of Windsor would be grave.

Journalism professor and newspaper columnist Roy Greenslade said William and Middleton must rebuild public trust that has been eroded by heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles because of his failed marriage and perceived eccentricities and by scandal-bound Prince Andrew.

The British public still reveres the queen, he said, but has doubts about her four children, including Princess Anne, who is divorced, and the nondescript Prince Edward.

"The glue that holds the mon-

archy together is the queen, but there is a great deal more skepticism and even cynicism about the next generation," he said.

"You have a dysfunctional family, so it really falls on William and Kate to actually be an upright couple that can engage with the public and be glamorous at the same time. It's fine with the queen on the throne, and Charles won't reign for long, so it really does fall to the next generation to rescue them."

Restoring the frayed bond between crown and subjects is vital, Greenslade said, because the monarchy will suffer a substantial blow when the queen dies, and also faces the very real threat that Australians will decide to sever ties to the British monarch in the next decade, likely giving republicans in Britain a boost. That's a lot of pressure for a young woman who already faces the formidable task of marrying into a rather imposing family.

She will be expected to support William as he takes on more royal duties like his trip this week to Australia and New Zealand, where he is serving as the queen's representative.

Middleton will also serve as an articulate link between the public and the royals even as she tries to master the mysteries of married life.

"Her prime objective is to become a wife, and a good wife," said Dickie Arbiter, a former royal spokesman who expects Middleton to give up her nightclubbing ways once she becomes a princess on April 29.

"People are judged by what they do," he said. "She knows what is expected of her when she marries into the royal family.

There is an element of royal duty that is expected of her, just as it was of Princess Diana, and she knows that."

The British public expects its royals to earn their keep with a nonstop series of appearances in exchange for the considerable benefits the royals receive each year. □

## Back to business for Lou Dobbs

**NEW YORK** – Lou Dobbs sits in a Fox Business Network conference room where the walls are filled with aphorisms from the likes of Vince Lombardi and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"I feel like I'm home," a sleek Dobbs says.

Home may seem a little more cramped than what he's used to. Dobbs debuts his new hour-long show Monday on a network with half the reach of chief competitor CNBC and his old stomping grounds at CNN, but the veteran business journalist said he likes the atmosphere.

"There's this spirit of the underdog," says Dobbs, who has dropped 25 pounds over the past four months. "There's this spirit of competition. I just feel so fortunate to be part of the team that's going to build us up."

Dobbs' show is titled "Lou Dobbs Tonight," the same as the one he left in 2009 after an awkward last few years at CNN. Once the most visible television business journalist with his "Moneyline" show in the 1990s, Dobbs made CNN management uneasy as he grew more opinionated and

drew angry protests from Latinos for his emphasis on curbing illegal immigration.

His new show is likely to feel familiar to his fans, as Dobbs intends to dive into the complex public policy and economic issues that drive society.

Owing to his new home, he said the focus will likely be heavier on business than it had been in his final days at CNN. "We'll focus on the American people, their standard of living the American nation," he says. "Those are always my starting points."

FBN is using the tag "back to business" for Dobbs' new show, said Kevin Magee, the network's executive vice president. Viewers will get an understanding of what the markets did each day and what is expected to happen in the coming days, he said.

"Lou is a brand-name business guy," Magee said. "I think he's going to help the team.

He's one of the four or five people you can name who does business news and he's got a great track record."

Although Dobbs said the show will be a forum for different



CNN commentator Lou Dobbs

views, he says, "My audience has always expected me to tell them where I'm coming from, and I don't see any reason to disappoint them."

That's no problem with Magee. "If you've been doing news as long as he has and don't have an opinion, something's wrong with you," he said.

The Fox Business Network, which started in 2007, is seen in just over 50 million homes, about half the reach of CNN and chief business competitor CNBC. FBN is also on digital tiers, or higher up on channel lineups and harder to find. The network does not release viewership numbers for its shows. □

## "Kennedys" miniseries frightens big advertisers

By Katy Bachman AP

**LOS ANGELES** – National advertisers are notoriously timid when it comes to programming that might be even the slightest bit controversial.

So it was inevitable that a media frenzy over a miniseries about America's most iconic political family would result in a tough ad sales pitch for "The Kennedys." Three weeks before the eight-part series premieres April 3, ReelzChannel has failed to line up any major sponsors.

Only 20 percent of the upstart cable channel's inventory for the miniseries has been sold. Nine companies that buy across the network allowed their spots to air during the miniseries.

Granted, ReelzChannel, which picked up "The Kennedys" in January after the History channel rejected it, didn't have a lot of time (only seven weeks) to market and



The Kennedy brothers

sell it. So some advertisers didn't have the budget. But others aren't even giving the program a chance.

"Advertisers are scared to death of this. They told us point blank, 'It's too politically hot,'" said Stan Hubbard, president and CEO of ReelzChannel, which is owned by Hubbard Broadcasting.

ReelzChannel, which is shell-

ing out big bucks to promote the program, has done everything it can think of to pull in major sponsors. It's offered to provide screenings. It's even offered to produce 40 custom spots around the movie.

"This shouldn't be controversial. There should be plenty of businesses that should be behind it," said a frustrated Hubbard. "It's nonsensical." □





# Alcohol abuse



Heavy drinkers have an increased risk of dying from pancreatic cancer, new research says.

In fact, people who never smoke, a known risk factor for the disease, but who have three or more drinks of hard liquor a day face a 36 percent higher risk of dying from pancreatic cancer, compared with nondrinkers, the study found. "Overall, these findings add to the evidence that heavy alcohol intake is an independent risk factor for pancreatic cancer," said lead researcher Susan Gapstur, vice president of epidemiology for the American Cancer Society. "Furthermore, they underscore the importance of the American Cancer Society guideline for cancer prevention recommending

that if you drink alcoholic beverages, limit consumption to no more than one drink per day if you are a woman or two drinks per day if you are a man," she said. Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers. Often, by the time symptoms appear the cancer is in an advanced stage and spreading rapidly. To make matters worse, pancreatic cancer is also hard to treat. The overall five-year survival rate from this cancer is less than 5 percent. Smoking has long been cited as a risk factor for pancreatic cancer and now it appears that drinking liquor is also a significant player in development of the disease, the research indicated. □

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# J. Michelle Moccia Some hospitals open ERs just for graying patients

WASHINGTON – Many hospitals run emergency rooms just for children. Now a few are opening ERs specially designed for seniors, without all the confusion and clamor and with a little more comfort.

It's a fledgling trend, but expected to increase as the population rapidly grays. The question is whether they'll truly improve care.

"Older people are not just wrinkly adults. They have totally different needs," says Dr. David John, who chairs the geriatric medicine division of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Modern ERs are best equipped to handle crises like gunshot wounds or car crashes, not the lengthy detective work it can take to unravel the multiple ailments that older people tend to show up with, John says.

Those older patients may not even have the same symptoms as younger people. They're less likely to report chest pain



with a heart attack, for instance, complaining instead of vague symptoms such as dizziness or nausea.

Urinary tract infections sometimes cause enough confusion to be mistaken for dementia. And a study published in January called delirium and dementia an "invisible hazard" for many older patients because ERs don't routinely check for not-too-obvious cognitive problems yet such patients can't accurately describe their symptoms or understand what they're sup-

posed to do at home. Seniors already make 17 million ER visits a year, and 1 in 5 Americans will be 65 or older by 2030. St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, N.J., started a 14-bed Senior Emergency Center two years ago, and plans to open a larger one in the fall, said emergency medicine chairman Dr. Mark Rosenberg. "It's still hustle and bustle, but it's a couple notches down from the craziness of the main emergency department," he says. □

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# Lack of Vitamin D May Precede Onset of Parkinson's

A lack of vitamin D is common among people with early Parkinson's disease, but levels of the vitamin don't decrease as the disease progresses, a new study says.

"Vitamin D insufficiency has been associated with a variety of clinical disorders and chronic diseases, including impaired balance, decreased muscle strength, mood and cognitive dysfunction, autoimmune disorders such as multiple sclerosis and diabetes (types 1 and 2), and certain forms of cancer," the study authors wrote as background information for their research. "Vitamin D insufficiency has been reported to be more common in patients with Parkinson disease (PD) than in healthy control subjects, but it is not clear whether having a chronic disease causing reduced mobility contributes to this relatively high prevalence." □



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# Hombre más alto del mundo asombra a cubanos

LA HABANA (AP) - El turco Sultán Kosen debió inclinarse para pasar por las puertas de la escuela, mientras los niños miraron asombrados sus 2,47 metros de altura.

Kosen, de 28 años, arribó el fin de semana junto a un grupo de solidaridad con la isla. “La visita de Sultán es en apoyo a la fundación Cuba-Amor, un sitio web de solidaridad con Cuba”, expresó Heyli Yero, amiga del grupo y quien los acompañó el lunes a una escuela de niños de primaria donde el alto fue agasajado. El portal y el grupo es dirigido desde Holanda por Bobby Ristov, quien realizó viajes a la isla desde por lo menos



El turco Sultán Kosen, de 28 años y considerado el hombre más alto del mundo por la asociación Guinness, visita una escuela cubana. (AP photo/Javier Galeano)

## Republicanos retienen nombramiento a la espera de TLC Colombia

WASHINGTON (AP) - Un total de 44 senadores republicanos advirtieron el lunes que retendrán la aprobación del nuevo secretario de Comercio hasta que el gobierno envíe al Congreso los tratados de libre comercio con Colombia, Panamá y Corea del Sur para su aprobación simultánea, pues están estancados desde hace un lustro.

El jefe de la bancada republicana Mitch McConnell, el principal republicano en el comité de finanzas Orrin Hatch, y el senador Robert Portman, ex representante comercial estadounidense, anunciaron la decisión en conferencia de prensa y distribuyeron copia de la carta dirigida al jefe de la banca demócrata Harry Reid.

Portman explicó que se le ocurrió la idea de condicionar la aprobación del nuevo secretario de Comercio o de cualquier cargo relacionado al comercio exterior que requiera aprobación legislativa por “frustración tras intentar con lógica y hechos. Me parece que el presidente (Barack Obama) tomó una decisión sobre Corea del Sur, pero con los otros dos (países) parece que hay cuestiones políticas involucradas, y necesitamos ir

más allá de la política. Esta es una medida lógica, y no la hubiéramos adoptado de haber obtenido las respuestas que esperábamos”.

Con la esperanza de acercarse a China, Obama nominó la semana pasada como embajador en Beijing a su secretario de Comercio Gary Locke, estadounidense de ancestros chinos.

El anuncio de los republicanos aumenta la presión para que Washington envíe los tres tratados. El representante comercial estadounidense Ron Kirk ha dicho que su estrategia consiste en culminar primero el tratado de Corea del Sur para luego concentrarse en Colombia y Panamá, los cuales espera resolver este año. El envío de la carta coincidió con sendos editoriales de los influyentes diarios The Wall Street Journal y The Washington Post, los cuales exhortan al gobierno de Obama a enviar al Congreso los tratados con Corea del Sur, Colombia y Panamá para que sean aprobados de manera simultánea. El embajador colombiano Gabriel Silva describió como “complejas” las conversaciones que Colombia y Estados Unidos sostuvieron la semana pasada sobre el tratado de libre comercio entre ambos

países, haciéndole seguimiento a la visita de una misión estadounidense el mes pasado a Colombia para recabar información.

“La conversación no es (sobre) qué quiere la administración de Obama. La conversación es cómo hacemos para avanzar algo que mutuamente nos favorece”, dijo Silva a periodistas, sin detallar el contenido de la conversación.

La tasa de sindicalistas colombianos asesinados ha generado resistencia de sindicatos y otros sectores para la aprobación del acuerdo comercial. Por otra parte, los ex zares antidrogas Barry McCaffrey y John Walters enviaron el lunes una misiva exhortando a los legisladores estadounidenses a renovar las preferencias arancelarias para los países andinos (ATPDEA, por sus siglas en inglés), programa que benefició a Colombia y Ecuador hasta su expiración el 12 de febrero.

“Si dejamos que expire (el ATPDEA), 20 años de progreso (en la lucha antinarcóticos) quedarán en riesgo, y los esfuerzos estadounidenses de interdicción de drogas a través del Plan Colombia serán aún más difíciles”, señala la misiva distribuida por la embajada colombiana. □

hace 10 años atrás, comentó Yero.

Las manos de Kosen miden 27,5 centímetros y sus pies 36,5 centímetros. Son las extremidades más grandes del mundo, según la asociación de records Guinness.

Durante el fin de semana hizo algunos recorridos por museos, hoteles y las calles de La Habana donde levantó exclamaciones entre la gente que ve pasar a este gigante.

Según la información disponible del turco, este creció como un niño normal hasta los 10 años, cuando comenzó a tener un crecimiento acel-

erado, que se detuvo tras una operación en 2010.

“Un equipo de adjudicadores de Guinness World Records viajó para encontrarse con Sultán, que medía 246,5 m, en el Mardin State Hospital (Mardin, Turquía), en febrero de 2009, convirtiéndose oficialmente en el hombre vivo más alto”, expresó una breve nota colocada en el sitio oficial de la asociación que lleva estos recuentos

“Aunque nadie ha conseguido superar la inmensa altura de Robert Wadlow, con 272 cm, en los 54 años de historia”, agregó. □

## Papa envía donativo a Bolivia por inundaciones

LA PAZ (AP) - El Papa Benedicto XVI donó 50.000 dólares para los damnificados por las inundaciones y derrumbes en Bolivia que han dejado 52 muertes desde enero.

El cardenal boliviano Julio Terrazas informó del donativo en su homilía del domingo y pidió a los feligreses un aplauso para el Papa desde la Catedral de Santa Cruz en el oriente del país. Las últimas lluvias afectaron a 14.156 familias en todo el país, de las cuales miles fueron evacuadas a albergues temporales. Tres semanas atrás en La

Paz un cerro se desplomó destruyendo a su paso 400 viviendas en nueve barrios pobres de una de las laderas que circundan la ciudad.

El deslizamiento no provocó víctimas fatales pero sí daños materiales en 100 hectáreas y destruyó una tubería matriz de agua potable que obligó a cortar el suministro a otros barrios del sur de la ciudad. Más de 25.000 personas todavía se abastecen de cisternas, informaron el lunes autoridades ediles. También Venezuela envió alimentos y vituallas a los afectados. □



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